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## Iran should take steps to improve ties: US

WASHINGTON, Jan 31. (Reuters) The United States insisted yesterday that Iran must take the first step towards improving relations between the two countries.

US officials also reaffirmed President Bush's intent to honour the commitment made by his predecessor Ronald Reagan to compensate relatives of 295 people killed when a US Navy vessel shot down an Iranian jetliner last July.

The new statements came as Iran and the United States appeared to be sending signals to see if diplomatic contacts were possible under a new US President.

Responding to a call by a senior Iranian official for Washington to make specific "goodwill" initiatives toward Tehran, State Department spokesman Charles Redman gave no hint that any such gesture was being considered.

**Engage**

Instead, Redman restated a long-standing US willingness to engage in "authoritative dialogue with responsible representatives of the Iranian government."

At the White House, spokesman Martin Fitzwater said: "If you're approaching this from the standpoint of some new signal, we believe the signal needs to come from the Iranians."

"They have influence over the hostages," Fitzwater added, referring to nine Americans believed held by pro-Iranian extremists in Lebanon.

Mohammad Javad Larjani, Iran's deputy foreign minister, said in a Washington Post interview that Bush should initiate a goodwill policy towards Tehran by taking specific acts.

## PLO delegation to visit Damascus soon

# Saudi bid to end Arafat-Assad rift

AMMAN, Jan 31. (Reuters) Saudi Arabia, quietly mediating between Syria and the PLO, has won agreement for a PLO delegation to visit Damascus soon, Arab diplomats and Palestinian sources said today.

"President Hafez Al Assad has told the Saudis he is ready for talks with the PLO and to meet Yasser Arafat if the talks go well," an Arab diplomat said.

**Campaign**

Palestine National Council (PNC) Speaker Sheikh Abdul Hamid Al Sayeh told a local newspaper this week that a PLO team would go to Damascus soon to discuss a possible Arafat visit.

Arafat, long at odds with Assad, last met the Syrian leader

in April when he went to Damascus to attend the funeral of assassinated PLO leader Khalil Al Wazir.

Despite that opening, Damascus continued to support radical PLO factions opposed to Arafat's leadership.

The Arab diplomat said Saudi Arabia was using its good offices but planned to take no direct part in Syrian-PLO talks.

Another Arab diplomat said Damascus had stopped its media campaign against the PLO, had declared support for the independent Palestinian state proclaimed in November and had not attacked the PLO's new Middle East peace strategy head on.

"These signs indicate there is growing willingness on the part of Syrian and PLO leaders to

cool their personal grudges to serve the Palestinian cause," he said.

A source in the Amman-based PNC, the PLO's legislative body, said Saudi Arabia's King Fahd had launched his latest mediation effort when Assad visited Riyadh in December.

**Differences**

"It seems that Assad and Arafat have finally realised they should lay aside their differences and do something to advance peace in the region by creating a united Arab stand on how to settle the Arab-Israeli conflict," the source said.

Arab diplomats say healing the rift between Assad and Arafat would help pave the way for a long-postponed regular Arab League summit due to be held in Saudi Arabia.



King Fahd

## BP shareholders approve buy-back of Kuwait's shares

LONDON, Jan 31. (Reuters) Shareholders in oil multinational British Petroleum today overwhelmingly approved board plans to buy back a large stake in the firm built up by Kuwait, closing an embarrassing chapter for Britain's biggest company.

The extraordinary shareholders' meeting was essentially a rubber stamp for a buy-back of 790 million shares or 12 per cent of British Petroleum Co. PLC (BP) announced earlier this month.

But approval was obtained only after a heated debate begun by some shareholders who complained about the way that Kuwait, a member of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries, had been able to build

up such a holding.

They wanted assurances it could not happen again.

BP and the British government were uneasy when the Kuwait Investment Office, the Gulf state's overseas investment arm, built up a 21.6 per cent stake in BP.

**Pleased**

It did so when BP stock was cheap after the government floated off its stake of 31.3 per cent in the company just at the time of the 1987 world markets crash.

KIO said it viewed its holding as a long-term investment but BP feared it might sell to a predator or try to affect policy. And last year the government asked the KIO to cut its holding to 9.9 per

cent after a Monopolies Commission report said the stake could threaten national interests.

BP will pay the KIO £2.47 (\$4.23) a share, plus an advanced corporation tax payment of 58 pence a share, it was pointed out.

BP chairman Sir Peter Walters said today he was pleased with the outcome of the shareholders' meeting.

"Any shareholding over 10 per cent, let alone 20 — and particularly when the shareholder in question is a sovereign state and member of OPEC — is bound to affect people's perception of BP as an independent, international oil company," he told shareholders.

Walters did not feel BP needed to adopt mechanisms to ensure

no other shareholder could build such a big stake. He said the flotation and share crash were exceptional circumstances.

He also said the buy-back would free BP to pursue its overseas investment strategy in Asia and the United States "without political or commercial handicaps."

Walters said the buy-back would initially raise BP's ratio of debt to total capital to about 50 per cent from 37 per cent but said the group intended to cut it to 35 per cent.

He later said on British Television that BP, which last month agreed to sell most of its vast minerals interests to British-based RTZ Corp. PLC, was considering more disposals.

## Israel guilty of war crimes: PLO

GENEVA, Jan 31. (Reuters) The PLO accused Israel today of committing crimes against humanity in its treatment of Palestinians.

Israel also came under fire from Arab nations and the London-based human rights organisation Amnesty International in addresses to the UN human rights commission.

PLO Ambassador Nabil Ramlawi said Israel had violated international conventions by killing, torturing, deporting, destroying houses, preventing the practice of religion and administering collective punishment.

"All this taken together represents war crimes, crimes against humanity and crimes against the peace and security of mankind," said Ramlawi, speaking for the first time behind a plaque representing the newly declared state Palestine.

**Retaliated**

Kuwaiti Counsellor Salah Al Othman charged that Israel was using racist policies. "Humanity has gone back to ancient policies due to the oppressive policies in the occupied territories."

Kuwait and Jordan both reiterated calls for an international conference on the Middle East in which the PLO would take part on an equal footing with other participants.

Amnesty International called on Israel to curb excessive use of force against Palestinians in occupied Arab lands.

"Several thousand Palestinians have been the victims of beatings, some particularly vicious, while in the hands of Army and security personnel," said Amnesty representative Ingrid Kircher.

Meanwhile, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir told a French newspaper, Israel is ready to negotiate with Palestinians in the occupied territories, but a Palestinian state is impossible in the near future.

"If the Palestinians want to improve their political situation, they can, through negotiation," Le Monde quoted Shamir as saying. "But if they want a Palestinian state immediately, they will not have it. They won't have it by negotiation or by force. It is unimaginable. It will never happen."

Leading Palestinian nationalist Faisal Al Hussein, stepping into line with PLO policy, said today elections could only take place in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip after Israel withdrew.

Palestinians in the territories meanwhile staged a general strike and reported new Israeli economic and political measures in a crackdown on the uprising.

## Soviet troops may quit Kabul within a week

ISLAMABAD, Jan 31. (Agencies) The last Soviet combat troops may leave Kabul within a week, ahead of schedule, if the weather permits, Western diplomatic sources said today.

The diplomats, speaking in Islamabad, quoted Soviet officials as saying in the Afghan capital that the last Soviet soldiers would head home from Kabul between Feb 2 and 6.

The diplomatic sources said a large-scale airlift from Kabul of Soviet troops, who must leave Afghanistan by Feb 15 under Geneva accords brokered by the United Nations last April, had been delayed by snow that had closed the city's airport.

The airlift had been set to start on Jan 28 and last for five days, the sources said.

**Bombardments**

They said many of the Soviet troops, now handing over defensive positions around Kabul to Afghan soldiers, would go back home by land with their heavy equipment after massive bombardments opened the road north to the Soviet border.

The Soviet sources were quoted as saying the last Soviet combat troops to be withdrawn would be those guarding Kabul airport.

The sources said Afghan and Soviet forces over the past week had reopened the Salang highway, which runs north to the Soviet border from Kabul, with waves of artillery barrages backed by bombing from the air, Scud missiles and ground attacks.

They said rebel mujahedeen fighting the Kabul government estimated as many as 600 people, mostly civilians, were killed in the bombardments on Jan 23 and perhaps twice that number wounded.

A Soviet general admitted today that Soviet troops were engaged in air strikes and combat actions inside Afghanistan but he said the actions were purely defensive and necessary to ensure the safety of retreating soldiers.

The evacuation flight carrying the last 11 US embassy staffers out of Kabul narrowly missed a head-on collision with a Soviet transport plane today, a senior American diplomat said.

"We had a near-collision 10 minutes after take-off with an incoming flight from the north," Jon Glassman, charge d'affaires at the now-closed Kabul embassy said upon arrival in New Delhi.

## Nuclear agreement proposed by Pakistan

WASHINGTON, Jan 31. (AP) Key members of Pakistan's government are proposing a swap that would send US-made nuclear reactors to their country in exchange for safeguards to assure that their nuclear programme is used only for peaceful purposes, says a senior member of Congress.

Rep Stephen Solarz, chairman of the House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Asia Sub-committee, said such an agreement could head off a showdown between the two countries later this year on a cutoff of US aid to Pakistan over its failure to comply with nuclear non-proliferation requirements.

Assurances of previous Pakistan governments that the country was not developing an atomic bomb "were not worth the paper on which they were printed" but a new approach is being taken under Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, Solarz said.

**Intentions**

It would represent the opening of a new era in relations between the two countries, which have been friendly but tainted by US mistrust over Pakistan's nuclear intentions.

Solarz said such an agreement, as well, could enhance a budding reconciliation between Pakistan and India, where relations have been tense for decades, prompting Pakistan's efforts to build nuclear weapons.

He said he learned during a just-completed tour of the Asian sub-continent that key Pakistani leaders would be prepared to submit the nuclear programme to international safeguards in exchange for the right to purchase American atomic power reactors.

"If the United States is willing to sell nuclear reactors for peaceful nuclear energy, Pakistan would agree to establish full-scope safeguards on all their nuclear facilities, including existing ones," Solarz said at a news conference yesterday. He also praised Benazir for showing personal courage and a commitment to democracy.

**Transactions**

Solarz talked with Benazir and numerous other leaders including Pakistani President Ghulam Ishaq Khan and military chief Gen Mirza Aslam Baig, Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi and members of Rajiv's cabinet and Bangladesh President Hussain Muhammad Ershad and members of the Ershad's opposition during his tour.

Meanwhile, the CBS television network reported yesterday that US-made nuclear materials found their way to Pakistan through a complicated series of transactions including two West German companies.

Heavy water — water made from a heavy hydrogen isotope — from a US government nuclear plant was sold during the 1960s to a West German firm. About 20 years later, the water was sent from West Germany to France, where tritium, a component of nuclear weapons, was extracted from it, the network said.

Then the gas was sold, and resold, until it reached another West German firm, NTG, which allegedly shipped the gas to Pakistan, CBS said.

**Hijack ends**

BOGOTA, Jan 31. (AP) A Colombian airliner with 122 people aboard was hijacked today to San Jose, Costa Rica, where the hijacker turned himself over to authorities, according to control tower officials.

## Iran praises Iraqi move to strengthen ceasefire

NICOSIA, Jan 31. (Reuters) Iran said today Iraq's agreement to form a joint military commission to strengthen their ceasefire was a positive step.

The Iranian news agency IRNA quoted Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati as saying Baghdad's decision, announced by President Saddam Hussein in talks with UN mediator Jan Eliasson today, was a "positive step in the trend of peace talks."

But Velayati said Iraq should withdraw its forces from Iranian territory before stalled peace talks could resume.

"It is no use renewing the peace talks unless military forces withdraw to internationally recognised borders," IRNA, quoted Velayati as telling a Tehran news conference.

**Proposed**

He said a joint military commission was proposed by UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar during the first round of peace talks which opened on Aug 25, five days after a UN-brokered ceasefire was declared.

He said Iran had immediately accepted the proposal.

A 350-strong force of observers in the UN Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group (UNIMOG), backed by 1,000 support staff, monitor the ceasefire along the 1,200-km

(740-mile) border.

IRNA last week quoted UNIMOG commander General Slavko Jovic as saying Iranian and Iraqi troops were too close along parts of the central and southern fronts.

Iran says Iraqi forces occupy 1,000 sq km (400 sq miles) of its territory.

**Discussed**

Elasson, Perez de Cuellar's special representative, discussed the deadlock in the talks during visits to Tehran and Baghdad which ended yesterday.

Bahrain-based Gulf News Agency quoted Western diplomatic sources in Baghdad as saying yesterday, "Elasson has agreed with Iran and Iraq to resume negotiations between them during the first week of next month," the agency said. There was no immediate official confirmation of the claim from Iran or Iraq.

**Iranian message for Amir**

KUWAIT, Jan 31. (KUNA) Iranian President Ali Khamenei has sent a message to HH the Amir. The message was handed over today by the Iranian charge d'affaires to the Minister of the Amir Diwan, Sheikh Khalid Al Ahmed.

## Lebanese rivals remain far apart

# Arab League attempts to find common ground

TUNIS, Jan 31. (Reuters) Lebanon's rival governments looked far from resolving their four-month-old constitutional crisis today despite Arab League attempts to find common ground.

Michel Aoun, Maronite Christian Army commander and one of Lebanon's two prime ministers, told a news conference the root of the problem was foreign occupation and the task of the Arab League should be to tackle the Syrian dimension.

Aoun, together with rival Sunni Muslim Prime Minister Selim Al Hoss and Shiite Speaker of Parliament Hussein Husseini, are in Tunis to meet six Arab ministers assigned to find a way out of the crisis.

Hoss' spokesman repeated the Muslim view that the priority was to find a presidential candidate with a constitutional reform and then reunite the divided Army so Syrian troops would no longer be needed.

**Unconstitutional**

Lebanon has had no head of state since outgoing President Amin Gemayel came to the end of his six-year mandate last September and appointed Aoun to head an interim government.

Muslim groups say the appointment was unconstitutional and that Hoss' government remains the only legitimate one.

The Arab ministers, from Kuwait, Sudan, Jordan, Algeria, Tunisia and the United Arab Emirates, met without the Lebanese today and drew up a document detailing the points on which the Lebanese agree.

These included calling presidential elections with guarantees of freedom and security, constitutional reform and the withdrawal of foreign forces, an Arab League official said.

The chairman of the Arab League committee, Kuwait's

Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed later explained the document in turn to each of the three Lebanese politicians.

"I hope it will prove acceptable," Sheikh Sabah told reporters. The six ministers would meet the Lebanese separately again this evening, he added.

The document apparently avoids specifying the foreign forces. Aoun emphasises the Syrian military presence, while Hoss and Husseini say the Israeli occupation of a security zone in the south is the priority.

**Useless**

Aoun told the news conference there was no problem between the Lebanese themselves and an agreement between them would be useless unless it brought in the Syrians.

He denied however that Syrian withdrawal was a pre-condition for presidential elections and hinted that the ministers might deal with Syria in a secret annex to any agreement.

"We want normalisation of relations with our Syrian brothers but that requires some time. What we demand now is an atmosphere of freedom and guaranteed security so that elections can take place properly. We must be flexible," he said.

"Probably one section will not appear in the document. It's a section which the committee might plan to pursue quietly, away from the limelight, to ensure the smooth progress and success of its mission," he said.

Aoun's aides said later the Christian leader met Yasser Arafat today after the PLO chairman returned from a trip to Algiers.

## US cultural centre opens in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, Jan 31. (Reuters) The United States opened its first cultural centre in Baghdad today and an Iraqi official said he hoped it would help narrow the gap between the two nations.

A US embassy spokesman said Iraq planned to open its own cultural centre in Washington later.

Iraq and the US restored diplomatic ties in 1984 after a 17-year break. Relations cooled in 1986 when Washington's arms sales to Iran became public.

**Jobs in abundance**

WASHINGTON, Jan 31. (AP) President George Bush predicted "jobs in abundance" in the United States and called for a new spirit of volunteerism in America.

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○ اسلام آباد میں جاسوسی گرفتاری

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## WEATHER

CLOUDY weather with moderate south-easterly wind may freshen at times and some rain is expected later.

State of sea: rough

High water: 8.00 am, 6.00 pm

Low water: 12 noon

Sunrise: 6.38 am

Sunset: 5.25 pm

Maximum temperatures recorded:

Kuwait: 15°C 59°F

Ahmad: 13°C 55°F

Falaka: 13°C 55°F

Minimum temperatures recorded:

Kuwait: 4°C 39°F

Ahmad: 9°C 48°F

Falaka: 10°C 50°F

Maximum temperatures expected:

Kuwait: 16°C 61°F

Ahmad: 14°C 57°F

Falaka: 14°C 57°F

Minimum humidity recorded:

Kuwait: 55 per cent

Ahmad: 60 per cent

Falaka: 63 per cent

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### Grand Bingo

BOTH the Four Corners and Top Line prizes have been won. Mr Gabriel Fernandes will receive KD25 for the Four Corners, while Mr Francis Andrade will also get KD25 for the Top Line. Game No. 68 continues for the Three Full House prizes.

## Nearly 30 per cent increase between 1975 and 1980

# Asian labour force in the Gulf growing

By Fathima Ahmed

THE South-East and the Far-East Asia have become the major labour exporters to the Gulf, overtaking Arab countries which dominated the labour market, according to a study made by Kuwait's Central Statistical Office (CSO).

The Asian labour force, which grew at the rate of less than five per cent in 1975, grew by nearly 30 per cent by 1980 and has been increasing steadily ever since.

Over a 10-year period between

1975 and 1985 there has been a shift in the preference for Asian workers from the traditional Indian, Pakistani pockets to a sharp rise in the numbers of Filipino, Sri Lankan and South Korean workers.

**Efforts**

The study also shows that it would take concerted efforts and a long time to reduce the dependence on foreign labour in the Gulf. It has strongly recommended co-ordinated GCC efforts and regional co-operation for optimum utilisation of national

manpower resources in the region.

"The presence of non-nationals involves unforeseen costs which may outweigh the potential benefits of industrial development," the study warned.

The study, made in 1987 and published recently, however, says that in absolute numbers the Arabs still outnumber the Asians in the labour market. The study on "Migration and Non-National Labour in GCC Countries: An Analysis of Trends, Pat-

tern of Employment and Problems" was made by the CSO in co-operation with a UN expert on demographic changes.

The study showed Arabs formed 69.1 per cent of the total workforce in the Gulf in 1975. Five years later, the figure came down to 58.1 per cent. In the same period, Asians who formed 27.9 per cent rose to 38.5 per cent. There was also a slight increase in the numbers of Europeans and Americans from 2.2 per cent to 2.8 per cent.

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## Gorbachev's salary revealed

MOSCOW, Jan 31, (Reuters): Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev earns more than 1,500 roubles (\$2,500) a month and donated the \$600,000 he received from US sales of his latest book to the Communist Party.

But the figure, revealed apparently for the first time by Ogonyok magazine editor Vitaly Korotich, is only a fraction of the annual \$250,000 in salary and expenses earned by his super-power opposite-number, US President George Bush.

Gorbachev's pay is still generous in a country where the average monthly wage can be as low as 200 roubles (\$330).

### Critical

"People ask: Gorbachev does not get much money so where does his wife get so many new dresses from. It's not a serious question because Mikhail Sergeyevich is not badly paid at all — he gets more than 1,500 roubles (a month)," Korotich said in an interview in the Moldavian youth newspaper, Molodyozh Moldavi.

"Why shouldn't he buy his wife a new dress?" Korotich asked in the interview in a recent edition of the newspaper that reached Moscow today.

Some Soviet citizens have been critical of the stylish Raisa Gorbachev's high public profile that stands in stark contrast to previous Kremlin wives. Korotich also revealed that Gorbachev handed over the entire \$600,000 in royalties he received from sales in America of his best-selling book "Perestroika" to the Soviet Communist Party Central Committee.

He did not say where he obtained his information.

### Gorbachev visit

LONDON, Jan 31, (Reuters): Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev is to visit Britain and West Germany this year, providing him with a major platform to ram home to Western Europe the changes underway in Moscow.

In London the government announced Gorbachev and his wife Raisa would visit Britain from April 5-7, rescheduling a visit planned for December but postponed because of the Armenian earthquake.

## Yugoslav Army warns of intervention in power struggle

BELGRADE, Jan 31, (Reuters): The Yugoslav Army has warned that it is ready to intervene in a political power struggle which has threatened to plunge the country into civil war.

Admiral Petar Simic, military member of the ruling Communist Party Politburo and the most senior political figure in the armed forces, told a party plenum yesterday the Army would not stand by as "irrational storms pushed Yugoslavia onto the rocks of catastrophe."

Earlier party leader Stipe Suvar asked the meeting: "Are we threatened at the threshold of the 21st century by the possibility of a fratricidal war?"

The plenum, convened to deal with Yugoslavia's worst political and economic crisis since the communists came to power 44 years ago, showed no signs that deep differences among the party leadership could be bridged.

### Disagreed

Many speakers used the phrase "battle for Yugoslavia" during the day but they disagreed on how, and against whom, it should be fought.

"If someone has declared a battle for Yugoslavia it will not be fought without the Yugoslav people's Army," Simic told the plenum, which is expected to go on for at least two days.

Political analysts said Simic's warning was the strongest heard since Yugoslav leader Josip Broz Tito died in 1980, leaving a legacy of a weak collective leadership after ruling this multi-ethnic federation unchallenged for 35 years.

The country is hit by a \$22-billion foreign debt, 250 per cent inflation and "crumbling living standards which last year fuelled 1,700 strikes and a worsening of relations between the regions."

The latest conflict centres on Suvar and the populist Serbian party leader Slobodan Milosevic, who is feared in some parts of the country as a potential strongman.

Slovenian and Croatian leaders attacked Milosevic for encouraging street unrest, after mass protests toppled regional leaders opposed to the Serbian leader in Vojvodina province and the republic of Montenegro.

## Bihar's dissidents defy orders and decide to boycott budget session

# Rajiv faces party revolt in north India

NEW DELHI, Jan 31, (Reuters): Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, having lost southern India to the opposition, now faces a revolt within his Congress (I) Party in its last and electorally crucial bastion in the north.

Rajiv's opponents say the bitter infighting that erupted in Congress governments in the northern states of Madhya Pradesh and Bihar last week were sparked by the humiliating Congress loss in Tamil Nadu state elections earlier this month.

They are signs of the party's irredeemable loss of faith in Rajiv as a vote-catcher in the general elections, said A.P. Venkateswaran of the centre for policy research.

General elections are scheduled to be called by the end of the year, but Rajiv was widely expected to bring them forward if the Tamil Nadu verdict had been different.

"Now a humiliating loss there, has put the Congress out of power in all four southern states and weakened his hold on the party," said Venkateswaran.

### Choice

The troubles in the north erupted immediately after the Tamil Nadu polls on Jan 21, with dissident Congress members of the Madhya Pradesh and Bihar state assemblies demanding that the party leadership agree to their choice of chief ministers.

Rajiv, failing in the past week to resolve the crises, was due to discuss the issue at a meeting of his party's top body, the Congress working committee, this evening.

But hours before the meeting, Bihar's dissidents defied Rajiv's orders and decided to boycott the budget session of the assembly until the Congress leadership agreed to replace Chief Minister Bhagwat Jha Azad with their candidate.

### Infighting

In Madhya Pradesh, Rajiv swiftly replaced Chief Minister Arjun Singh after a court ordered an inquiry into a lottery that members of his family were run-

ning in the state. But the move split Congress assemblymen into powerful factions there.

The bitter infighting has been temporarily halted by the appointment of Motilal Vora to the state's top political post.

The two states are located in the important Hindi-speaking belt of northern India and account for 94 of the 546 seats in the national parliament's lower house, where Rajiv must win a majority in general elections to keep power.

Even before the threat from dissidents, the Congress was under challenge in the north from a newly formed opposition alliance called the National Front and led by Rajiv's biggest

political rival, Vishwanath Pratap Singh.

Singh dealt the first blow last year by returning to parliament with a by-election victory in a prestigious constituency of India's most populous state, Uttar Pradesh, after quitting Rajiv's cabinet and party.

Uttar Pradesh, which contributes 85 parliament members, has been free of dissidence after Rajiv shifted finance minister Narain Dutt Tiwari there as chief minister.

Tiwari is one concession Rajiv made in his policy of ruling the states through chief ministers with weak political bases, said a senior Congress leader unwilling to be named.

## Way cleared for Brown to lead US Democrats

WASHINGTON, Jan 31, (Reuters): The final challenger in the race for the chairmanship of the US Democratic Party bowed out yesterday, clearing the way for Washington lawyer Ronald Brown to become the first black to lead a major US political party.

Brown, 47, a former adviser to unsuccessful presidential aspirant Jesse Jackson and a former aide to Senator Edward Kennedy, had the endorsements of the party's top liberals.

Former Oklahoma congressman James Jones became the fourth and final challenger to drop out, meaning that Brown will succeed retiring party chair Paul Kirk.

But Jones, a Conservative, warned Democrats at a news conference to move towards the centre or they "could go the way of the British Labour Party" and become a minority party.

Democrats have lost five of the last six presidential elections, but in November 1988 won larger margins in both chambers of Congress captured new state governorships.

Jones, who served 14 years in Congress, said he had determined that Brown had the votes to win and he promised to help him move the party to a more centrist position.

The 403-member Democratic national committee will meet in Washington February 10 to elect or proclaim Brown as chairman.

### Ship collision

TOKYO, Jan 31, (AP): A South Korean deck officer has been arrested in connection with a ship collision that left seven South Korean seamen dead and 10 others missing, a prosecution official said today.

Rescuers have found seven bodies from the sunken 2,900-ton Panamanian-registered ship, Catherine-Rose, which carried a crew of 17.

## Cold snap hits Alaska

# Thermometers run out of numbers

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, Jan 31, (Reuters): It's been so cold in Alaska that huskies are staying off the trail and at times thermometers have quit working.

"It's so cold the thermometer ran out of numbers," one race official said.

The event was rescheduled for later on Monday.

So far the official low has been 76 below zero F (minus 60°C), recorded last Friday in Tanana, in the centre of the state.

The lowest temperature ever recorded in North America was 81 below (minus 63°C) at Snag in the Canadian Yukon in February, 1947.

Crashed Eighty below (minus 62°C) is the lowest that the standard issue US government thermometer can record. Canadian thermometers go down to minus 90 (minus 67°C).

No deaths have been directly attributed to the cold, but on Sunday night eight people were killed when a Canadian forces Hercules C-130 crashed in icy fog near Fairbanks.

The port of Valdez, about 140 miles (210 km) east of Anchorage, was closed on Sunday due to high winds and poor visibility, the US Coast Guard said.

In Bethel, 500 miles (800 km)

east of Anchorage, sled dogs dressed in vests and booties embarked yesterday on a 300-mile (480 km) dogled race over a frozen river.

The Kuskokwim 300 race was postponed last week for the first time when temperatures on the trail fell below minus 60 degrees Fahrenheit (minus 51°C) with wind chill.

Temperatures are still very low upriver, but there is no wind, race official Elizabeth Fortune said.

### Hovering

Fortunes said it was expected to be a fast race — if only to get out of the cold. "But no one would think of not racing — after all it is the official state sport."

Temperatures in Alaska have been hovering at colder than minus 50 F (minus 45°C) for over more than weeks. The coldest was minus 76 F (minus 60°C) recorded last Friday in Tanana in the centre of the state.

Temperatures yesterday dipped to minus 65 F (53.8°C), recorded in Tanana-Manley Hot Springs about 75 miles (120 km) northeast of Fairbanks.

The Anchorage Fire Department said yesterday it had responded to a record number of calls as the cold freezes water pipes and wreaks havoc with furnaces.

People trying to thaw frozen

pipes with unconventional tools such as welding torches or propane weed burners caused many house fires, the fire department said.

The National Weather Service said low temperature records have been broken in 18 communities over the past three days.

Bitter cold and high winds shut down the state's oil port and forced officials to cut oil production by more than half yesterday as the impact of the state's unprecedented cold wave was increasingly felt in urban areas.

Fairbanks closed its schools for the first time in 10 years, village food and fuel supplies dwindled, water pipes froze, heating oil turned to thick gel and -100°F (-75°C) wind chills made outside activity dangerous, officials said.

### Bush's first trip

WASHINGTON, Jan 31, (Reuters): President Bush, faced with scandals still rocking the Defence Department, planned to devote his first trip as President to a call for high ethical standards in the nation's defence industry.

Bush was slated today to fly by helicopter to Norfolk, Virginia, to address some 8,000 shipyard workers on board the aircraft carrier USS America.

## Kenya's famous python dies

NAIROBI, Jan 31, (Reuters): Omieri, the famous python reputed in western Kenya to be the source of good fortune, has died, Kenya's national museums announced.

The museums said Omieri died on Saturday after a long illness. Environmentalists said the 10-foot (three-metre) python had apparently not recovered from burns it accidentally received in 1987, when it had to be brought from Nyanza to Kenya's capital, Nairobi, for treatment.

Omieri's removal sparked a heated national debate, with members of parliament expressing fears that unless the python was returned to Nyanza the province could be struck by a series of calamities, including drought.

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### Mulroney's cabinet

OTTAWA, Jan 31, (Reuters): Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney announced a major reshuffling of his cabinet yesterday, including new ministers for energy, defence and the treasury board.

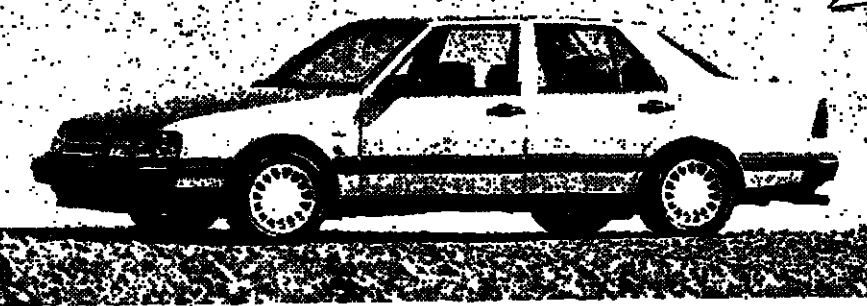
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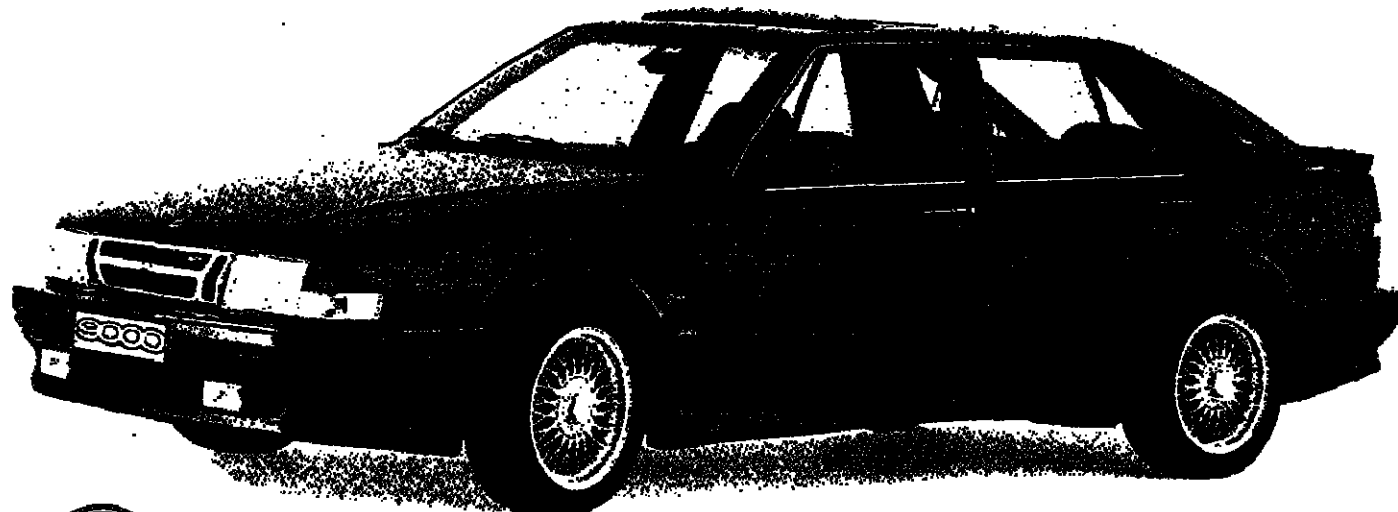
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### The Islamic Organization for Medical Science invites nominations for Prizes to be awarded by THE KUWAIT FOUNDATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCES

The Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences (KFAS) has instituted two prizes to be awarded every alternate year to support and promote scientific research in the field of Islamic Medical Science in the following areas:

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- 2) Appropriate documentation of Islamic Medical Heritage including Medical Islamic Jurisprudence.

#### Nominations for Prizes are subject to the following:

1. Documents submitted to KFAS should be original, published and academically significant in the field of Islamic Medical Science.
2. Nominations proposed by universities, scientific institutes, international organisations, individuals, past recipients of the prize and academic bodies are invited.
3. Closing date for acceptance of Nominations and/or Applications including Nominee's Curriculum Vitae and all supportive documentation is Oct. 31, 1989.

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Winners will be invited to receive their prizes at the Prize Awarding Ceremony during the commencement of the organization conference.

The decision of KFAS in awarding these prizes is final.  
Documents submitted for nomination will not be returned.



## Travis wins top music honours

LOS ANGELES, Jan 31, (AP): Randy Travis won country album and single honours at the 16th annual American Music Awards last night and Whitney Houston won the favourite female pop-rock and rhythm-and-blues vocal categories.

Gloria Estefan and Miami Sound Machine were surprise winners of the best pop-rock group trophy, Gladys Knight and the Pips took best rhythm and blues group, and Alabama won its seventh country group trophy.

Def Leppard swept the heavy metal category as favourite artist and for the album "Hysteria." The new rap category went to favourite artist Jazzy Jeff and the Fresh Prince and his album "He's the DJ, I'm the Rapper."

Tracy Chapman, who led Grammy nominations earlier this month with six, was the favourite new pop-rock artist but was not present to claim the trophy.

Travis, nominated three times, won best country album for "Always and Forever" and the country single trophy for the single "I Told You So," his own composition.

"It's nice to collect one when the song's mine, too," Travis said.

Miss Houston's honours were her 10th and 11th American Music Awards.

**Blessings**  
"I don't believe it. I went to thank the Almighty God for all his blessings," she said.

George Michael won best soul-rhythm and blues album for Faith, which has had six hit singles, and the pop-rock album trophy went to the Dirty Dancing movie soundtrack.

"I never expected to win this," said Miss Estefan after the surprise victory of pulsating Latin sounds over the hard-driving rock basics of Def Leppard and Van Halen. "It's wonderful to be able to cross over to a whole new market and to have everyone from all walks of life like our music."

Unlike music awards decided by artists and industry insiders, 20,000 ordinary music lovers were the arbiters for the 16th annual American Music Awards, handed out during a three-hour ABC-TV ceremony.

Guns N' Roses won best pop-rock single for Sweet Child



Randy Travis

O'Mine and Freddie Jackson's Nice 'N' Slow took the R and B single award. The favourite new R and B artist was Al B. Sure, a native of Boston.

Reba McEntire, who wasn't present, won favourite female country singer, and Patty Loveless was favourite new country artist.

"I don't believe this, but because I believe in God, I do believe this, Miss Knight said of her trophy for best soul-rhythm and blues group.

Alabama won over the mother-daughter duo the Judds and Perennial nominees the Oak Ridge Boys to win the country group trophy.

"To everybody in America, we love you, God bless you," said Alabama singer Randy Owen.

## China and Soviet Union to hammer out summit details

BEIJING, Jan 31, (Reuters): China and the Soviet Union will hammer out details of their first summit meeting in 30 years when Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze arrives in Beijing tomorrow.

If all goes well, as diplomats here generally expect, then Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev will soon shake hands with China's 84-year-old Deng Xiaoping and symbolically end a rift that has split the communist world for almost three decades.

**Trade**  
A Soviet source said Shevardnadze's three-day visit would cover the wording of a summit communiqué that would set out the principles of Sino-Soviet relations for the future.

China has stressed that the unequal and anti-American alliance of the 1950s can never be repeated.

The two sides would also discuss confidence-building measures along their border where, according to Western estimates, more than two million

troops are stationed.

Fierce fighting erupted along their frontier during the 1960s but few incidents have been reported this decade.

In recent years, border towns have reopened contact and trade is flourishing. Lorries laden with goods in winter cross frozen rivers where soldiers used to exchange fire.

The Soviet source said Shevardnadze and Chinese Foreign Minister Qian Qichen would discuss Gorbachev's pledge to withdraw more Soviet forces from Mongolia, prior notification of troop movements and possible verification by inspectors.

The two sides are also expected to discuss Kampuchea where, with Soviet support, Vietnam's occupying Army is locked in a 10-year-old war with the Chinese-backed Khmer Rouge.

Diplomats said Beijing and Moscow broadly agree that Vietnam should withdraw all troops from Kampuchea by September in parallel with a phased end to China's support for the coalition

of guerrilla resistance forces, dominated by the Khmer Rouge. Diplomats doubt, however, that Shevardnadze will meet Prince Norodom Sihanouk, Kampuchea's exiled leader who is currently in Beijing.

Shevardnadze, the first Soviet foreign minister to visit Beijing since Andrei Gromyko in 1959, will cap his trip to China by meeting Deng in the southern port of Shanghai on Saturday.

Rumours about Deng's state of health have swept Beijing in recent weeks. His son, Deng Pufang, told reporters in January that China's senior leader was in good health.

Asked to comment on unconfirmed reports that Deng has prostate trouble that required surgery, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said such rumours were "utterly groundless."

Chinese sources said that worries over Deng's health might mean a summit with Gorbachev could take place as soon as March, a month or two earlier than expected.

But Soviet sources, noting that Gorbachev will visit Britain and Cuba in April, said they expected the Soviet leader to come to China in May.

**Reforms**  
Deng, the architect of radical economic reforms launched in 1978, is China's most powerful leader although the post of Communist Party secretary-general is held by his protégé Zhao Ziyang.

In an interview with the Soviet news agency Tass today, Shevardnadze said a Sino-Soviet summit was the only way to resolve outstanding issues.

"Only a summit between the leaders of our countries is capable of giving the full — I underline — full impetus to the normalisation of Sino-Chinese relations," he said.

The "three obstacles" raised by China as blocking full relations are Soviet forces in Afghanistan, Moscow's support for Vietnam's occupation of Kampuchea and Soviet troop concentrations along the border with China.

## Declared innocent after 30 years in jail

TOKYO, Jan 31, (UPI): A 59-year-old man who spent 30 years on Japan's death row for allegedly killing a six-year-old girl was found innocent of the crime today following a retrial and given nearly \$1 million in compensation.

**Masao Akabori**, freed immediately after the decision, had been in custody since May 1954 in connection with the death two months earlier of the girl, Hisako Sano, who was found strangled in a wooded area near a river in Shimada, Shizuoka, southwest of Tokyo.

"Thank you, thank you," said the grey-haired Akabori, who was 25 years old at the time of his arrest, as he boarded a bus after his release from Shizuoka prison in the company of his brother, Kazuo, 61.

Dozens of banner-waving supporters cheered the decision outside the courthouse. The event was broadcast live across Japan by the national network NHK.

At a meeting with supporters, Akabori said he was in constant fear of being put to death. In Japan, capital punishment is carried out by hanging.

"I was always afraid of someone coming to execute me whenever they brought lunch or breakfast into my cell. I was so scared they would take me away."

**Grudge**  
"I must say I hold a strong grudge against the police who charged me with being a murderer," he said.

"Now that I am acquitted, I am so happy I have tears welling up in my eyes," he said.

At the time of his arrest, Akabori confessed to the crime under police questioning. But he later withdrew the confession, claiming he was coerced by police, and maintained his innocence when the case went to trial in July 1954.

He was convicted and sentenced to death in 1958, and the sentence was upheld by the Supreme Court two years later.

## Shiite truce may speed up release of Lebanon hostages

BEIRUT, Jan 31, (Reuters): Syria and Iran say a peace pact achieved between the Lebanese Shiite allies could lead to a breakthrough in the plight of foreign hostages held in Lebanon.

The hope was voiced by Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati and Syrian Foreign Minister Farouq Al Shara who attended a ceremony marking an accord between the Iranian-backed Hezbollah and the pro-Syrian Amal militias in Damascus.

"Any positive step like this will help gain the release of hos-

tages," said Shara about some 17 Western hostages believed held by Hezbollah in Lebanon.

"Nobody will be satisfied with the holding of the hostages so we do hope that all hostages, in spite of their nationalities, will be released," Velayati said.

Hezbollah has repeatedly denied links with hostage-taking.

Amal leader Nabih Berri said the peace pact did not refer directly to the hostages. "But I am sure that this agreement will help the release of hostages as quickly as possible."

Amal and Hezbollah agreed to

stop battling for control of Lebanon's 1.5 million-strong Shiite community after at least 140 people were killed in a month of fighting.

In Beirut, Irish envoy Patrick McCabe who arrived on Saturday to investigate reports that Irish hostage Brian Keenan and Briton John McCarthy would be freed soon, said late last night he has made no progress in his mission.

"While Brian Keenan is not part of the politics in Lebanon, it is the hope of the Irish government that what Foreign Minister Velayati of Iran and Amal president Berri have said today might prove an augury of positive developments in due course," said McCabe, the Baghdad-based ambassador to Lebanon.

"One course" might prove to be a "news" conference at his hotel in East Beirut.

## Anti-Islamic radio officials punished

ATHENS, Jan 31, (UPI): Four officials in the state-run Tehran Radio were fired and sentenced to prison, and three were also ordered flogged, for airing a programme, considered insulting to Islam and women, the official Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA) said.

In the most heavy-handed instance of censorship in Iran since spiritual leader Ayatollah Khomeini came to power 10 years ago.

IRNA, monitored in Athens, said the four officials were also fired, but escaped execution because "investigations had proved the absence of any malicious intention on the part of the programme director and its staff," IRNA said.

The sentence was announced two days after Khomeini sent a letter to Mohammad Hashemi, director of the state-run Voice of the Islamic Republic of Iran, saying those responsible for airing the programme on Saturday

"must be punished."

IRNA did not explain why Khomeini found the programme offensive, but said he had ordered that "the person who aired it is to be punished and expelled and those involved must also be punished."

"The letter further added (that) if proven there was deliberate insult, undoubtedly the person who has made the insult receives a death sentence," IRNA said.

The news agency said broadcast director Mohammad Arab Mazar-Yazdi was tried in "the first bench of the 135th branch of the penal court," and sentenced to five years in prison.

The three others sentenced were Mahmud Abdulqasem, director of Islamic ideology at the radio, Hamid Khumneri, in charge of the "supervisory section," and Mohammad Rasekh, editor of ideological programmes. Each was sentenced to four years in prison and 50 lashes.

## Hungary to restore relations with Israel

BUDAPEST, Jan 31, (Reuters): Hungary plans to restore full diplomatic relations with Israel by the middle of this year, a senior Hungarian official said today.

Gyorgy Jenei, a political adviser to Prime Minister Miklos Nemeth, told Reuters full relations with Israel were expected in the next five months.

"We are confident, but I cannot tell you concretely when it will happen," he said.

Hungary, like all other Warsaw Pact countries except Romania, severed ties with Israel after the 1967 war. It would be the first to re-establish them.

Hungary's Jewish community, estimated at up to 100,000, is the largest in Eastern Europe. About 250,000 Israelis are of Hungarian descent.

The decision to resume full ties followed a visit by Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir last September. It was the first time an Israeli Premier had visited an East European country except

Romania. After talks with Hungarian leaders Shamir predicted a speedy resumption of diplomatic ties.

"This whole process of moving closer between Hungary and Israel is going in a positive direction towards its climax — that is, the establishment of normal relations," he said.

Low-level links resumed in late 1987 with the opening of interest offices in Tel Aviv and in Budapest, where Israeli diplomats work through the Swiss Embassy.

Shamir was followed to Hungary in October by Israeli Trade Minister Ariel Sharon who said Hungary could profit from US and European free trade agreements if it helped market Israeli goods in Eastern Europe.

Sharon said Hungary was exporting about \$20 million of goods to Israel every year, roughly twice the level in the other direction.

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## Sri Lankan guards asked to stay home after sunset

COLOMBO, Jan 31, (AP): After a wave of political killings, candidates in next month's parliamentary elections have been ordered to keep their gun-toting bodyguards off the streets after sundown, a senior police officer said today.

Ten candidates for the Feb 15 election have been slain in the past three and a half weeks.

Police statistics show that 600 people have been killed in political violence this month, but a Western diplomat said he thought that figure was too high. The diplomat, who spoke on condition of anonymity, declined to say what he thought the actual toll might be.

**Killings**  
The senior police officer said the government had assigned 8,376 bodyguards to protect the candidates for parliament. He said each of the 1,396 candidates, who are running for the 225 seats in parliament, had been given six government-paid bodyguards.

"In addition to the politicians being issued two pistols, one for himself and the other for his most trusted bodyguard, police have issued four repeater shotguns (for each candidate)," the officer said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

He declined to say what would happen to the candidates and

bodyguards if they violated the order against carrying weapons after dark.

Security officials have blamed the slayings of the 10 candidates on two extremist groups, the People's Liberation Front and the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam.

The Liberation Front, made up of Sinhalese radicals, was blamed for the deaths of eight candidates, while the Tigers — a group of Tamil rebels fighting for an independent homeland — were accused of killing two. Both groups have vowed to disrupt the elections.

The governing United National Party, headed by President Ranasinghe Premadasa, blames the front and opposition parties for the killings.

The biggest opposition group, former Prime Minister Sirimavo Bandaranaike's Sri Lanka Freedom Party, and other opposition parties claim the killings were carried out by bodyguards and other gunmen working for members of the United National Party.

The government says the People's Liberation Front has killed about 800 people in its campaign of terror aimed at disrupting Sri Lanka's peace accord with the Tamil rebels.

Most of the front's victims were government officials, policemen or supporters of the United National Party.

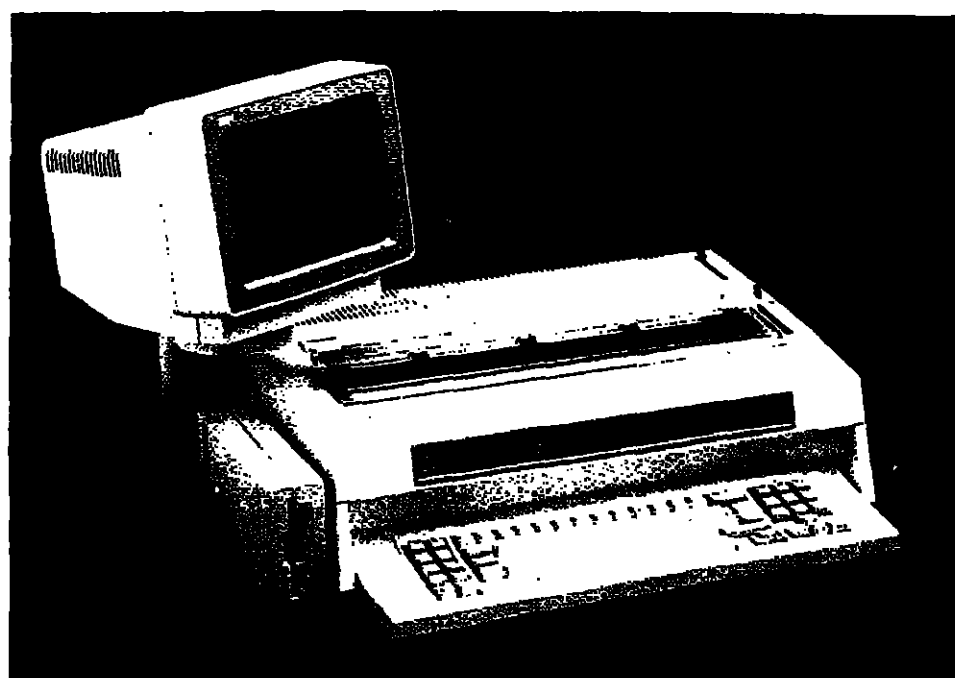
**Five Afghans hanged in Iran**  
NICOSIA, Jan 31, (AP): Five Afghan nationals, convicted of robbery and rape, have been hanged publicly in the northeastern Iranian city of Mashhad, the official Islamic Republic News Agency reported today.

In its brief report, monitored in Nicosia, the agency said the men were executed on Monday. It said they were convicted of 13 charges brought against them, including armed robberies, rape and "terrorising people." It gave no other details.

The London-based Amnesty International, which monitors human rights, urged the world yesterday to put pressure on Iran to halt what it described as a six-month campaign of political executions. It said some 1,000 people have been executed during that period.

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## KFAS award winner meets with Amir

KUWAIT, Jan 31, (KUNA): HH the Amir received today Minister of Higher Education Dr Ali Abdullah Al Shamlan who presented to His Highness Dr Abdullah Youssif Al Ghunaim on the occasion of winning the 1988 award from the Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Science, in the field of Arab and Islamic scientific heritage.

The issue was about geography and geology in the scientific heritage.

## Rqobah meets Tunisian prime minister

TUNIS, Jan 31, (KUNA): Tunisian Prime Minister Hedi Al Baccouche yesterday received visiting Kuwaiti Minister of Electricity and Water Hmoud Al Rqobah who conveyed to him the greetings of HH the Amir and HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah to President Zine Al Abidine Ben Ali.

Rqobah told KUNA that Baccouche had hailed the co-operation existing between the two countries in all fields particularly in economic, touristic and technical ones.

Rqobah also met with Tunisian Minister of Agriculture Salah Eddin Ben Mubarak where they reviewed the two countries' experience in the field of water production and means of boosting co-operation between the two sides in this field through exchange of experiences.

He also visited the National Centre for Energy Control and got acquainted with progress of work there. The national energy control centre provides Tunisia, Algeria and Morocco with electricity.

## Iraq elections postponed until April 1

BAGHDAD, Jan 31, (AP): The government today decided to postpone elections for a new National Assembly until April 1, the state-run radio said.

The radio said the ruling Revolution Command Council and the leadership of the Baath Party decided to put off elections set for March 3 in order to "take all necessary steps to enlarge the base of democracy" in Iraq.

It said government leaders met with the council today to discuss ideas put forward for a new constitution.

President Saddam Hussein, who chaired the meeting, last year pledged that Iraq would introduce a new constitution that would guarantee basic human rights.

The current constitution was adopted in 1969, one year after the Baath Party returned to power in a bloodless coup.

Saddam said new political parties would be allowed to operate alongside the National Progressive and Patriotic Front, currently the only legal political grouping.

The front is led by the ruling Baath Party and also contains a handful of small Kurdish parties.

Elections to the 255-seat National Assembly founded in 1980 were set for last Aug 3, but were delayed after Iran accepted a ceasefire on July 18 in the eight-year Gulf war.

## Medical facilities more than adequate, says Naqeeb

By Lima Al Khalafawi

IN proportion to the total population presently in Kuwait, medical facilities and doctors accredited to these clinics are more than adequate, according to Dr Na'il Al Naqeeb, the Undersecretary at the Ministry of Public Health.

He told Arab Times that in Kuwait there are about 60 clinics spread in various areas with three to four doctors and adequate supportive staff working at each clinic. Unfortunately, people do not appreciate these services, but, rather keep on complaining.

He said: "I believe the services are being abused as doctors see about 70 patients in six hours and sometimes this figure goes up to 120 patients a day."

**Treatment**  
He added that it has been proved that patients go from one clinic to another seeking advice. The inexplicable factor is that people do not believe in free medical treatment. They feel that they get better treatment when they go and visit private doctors.

The official said: "I found people go to doctors where the treatment is below the standard provided by the Ministry of Public Health."

He added that although there is some deficiency in some general practitioners, this is due to pressure and a lack of reorientation in the latest medical findings.

This has been overcome through the family practitioner who is fully trained and within ten years this system of family doctors will cover all areas of Kuwait. The experience of family practitioners in two clinics

has proved successful and has increased the confidence of the doctors in the system, the official said.

Mistakes in the medical profession are common the world over and will continue to occur in the future. Kuwait is no exception. However, statistics indicate that the incidents of malpractices are far lower in Kuwait compared to those in other countries, the official said.

**Complaints**  
He added that in Kuwait, people tend to complain more often, although Kuwait's services are ranked to be the best in the world. What is needed is some kind of normalcy or restrictions — for example people should contribute to the costs of medical services. "If they pay more, better services will follow, if they pay less, services will be provided accordingly." He added that if health charges are introduced, only those patients who really need treatment will visit the clinics. "He cited an example of people who went shopping and visited the clinic on their way back."

**Policy**  
The official said that there is no government policy which discourages people from visiting clinics. If a patient has a complaint, they can refer their case to the officer in charge of the clinic. If the patient is still not satisfied he can go to the Regional Health Director.

He reiterated that the ministry has not passed any instructions to doctors not to refer cases from clinics to hospitals. Any doctor who does not refer a case to the hospital when the need arises, will be penalised, the official said.

## 3,152 juveniles sentenced last year in Kuwait

1,087 KUWAITI juveniles and 2,065 non-Kuwaiti juveniles were sentenced for various misdemeanours during the past year, according to an official at the Ministry of the Interior.

Lieut. Rabea Al Mutairi speaking at a seminar organised by the Social Reform Society said that 724 crimes were committed last year. A total of 348 Kuwaiti juveniles were involved.

The official placed the responsibility on parents for not exercising proper control over their children. The parents should take the pivotal role in training and educating their children to be exemplary citizens. He added

that the role of schools and religious establishments is vital in providing proper guidance to children.

Also speaking on the issue, Mishari Al Usami, the chairman of the Kuwaiti Lawyers Society said that the increase in juvenile delinquency is a dangerous trend. Long hours spent by parents out of their homes due to work and other duties prevent them from providing their children with the needed guidance and personal attention. He also cited the weak Islamic spirit among these children. He added that foreign films and serials most of which depicted violence encouraged such juvenile crimes.

## US motor firm and 8 ships on boycott list

KUWAIT, Jan 31, (KUNA): Kuwait's office of Arab Boycott of Israel has put on the blacklist an American motor firm and eight cargo vessels of various nationalities proved by official Arab sources to have been dealing with Israel.

According to an office release here, the ships will be banned from docking or refuelling at Kuwait's sea ports.

The ships were identified as German Rachel Borchard, Thunar and Ymir, Turkish Barbaros, which was previously boycotted under the name Sin-

gapore Star, Denmark's Nordby, Greek Kritias, Maltese Warda and Liberian Negev Oran.

The American firm was identified as "AM General Corporation," a second name of the already boycotted American Motors General.

Kuwait's office of Arab Boycott also imposed a ban on display or distribution in Kuwait of "Leonard-part 6" a movie produced and distributed by the boycotted film-producing company Columbia Pictures, RCA.

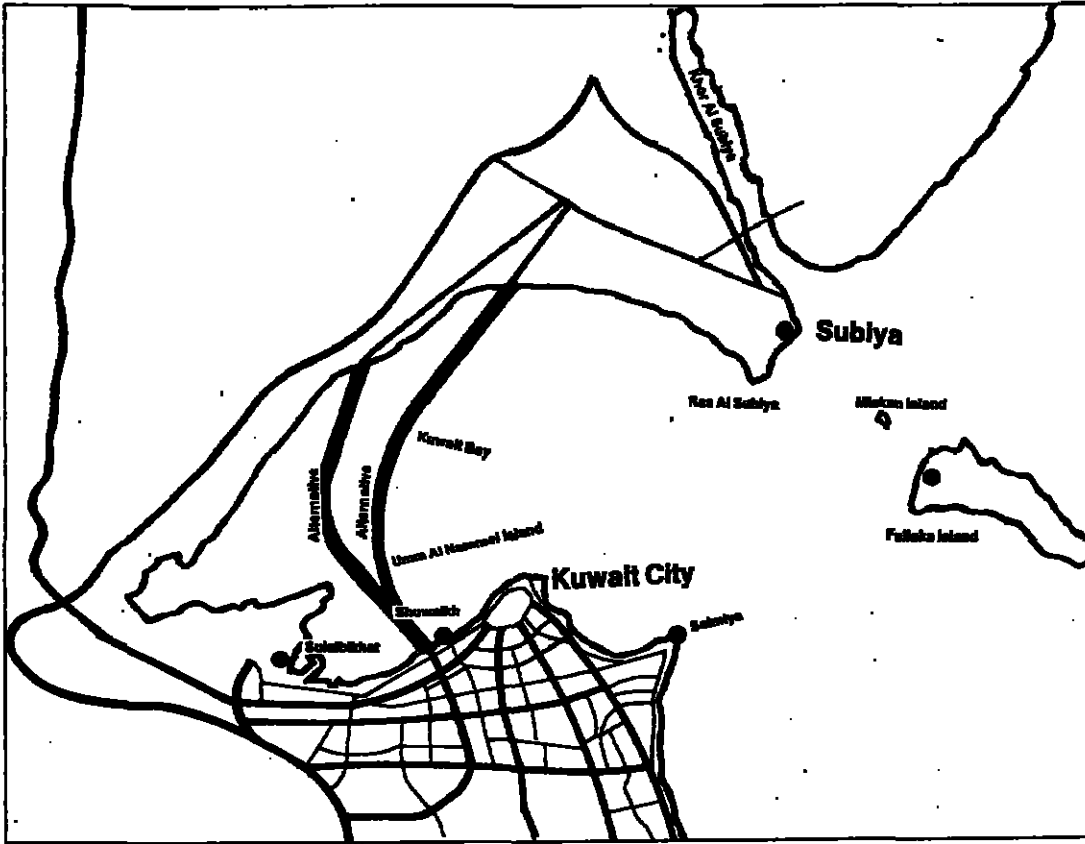
The work of inspectors centres on devising plans and novel modes of operation to foil attempts

## Military academy exercises completed

CADETS at the Military Academy yesterday completed their final exercises at Adairia Al Khellat area.

Mechanised infantry battalions, a number of tanks, armoured carriers and military personnel participated in the exercises.

The exercises were attended by Staff Officer Col. Rasheed Al Saif, and a number of senior officers.



Map shows Subiya and two alternatives for the proposed causeway.

## Kuwait may build new university in Subiya

KUWAIT, Jan 31, (Agencies): Kuwait may move its university to a new campus in the planned city of Subiya, site of a proposed urban development scheme on the edge of the former Iran-Iraq warfront, according to a high ranking government official.

Minister of State for Municipal Affairs Mohammed Abdul Mohsen Al Rifai told the Kuwait News Agency (KUNA) the Kuwait University campus, previously planned as a suburb of the capital, might be built instead 30 km (19 miles) to the northeast at Subiya.

The cabinet recently approved plans to build a new city at Subiya and link it to Kuwait City by a causeway across Kuwait Bay. The entire project could cost billion dollars, diplomats say.

Rifai said he hoped the causeway would be completed by

1992. He said Subiya would include all the elements of modern city, including residential, commercial, industrial, recreational and military facilities.

Rifai stressed the importance of the visit of HH the Amir to the area. He said that HH the Amir inspected the proposed site for the city, the proposed site for Bubiyan Park, the site for the university and the causeway.

On the proposed park in Bubiyan, the official said that it will be constructed at the southern corner of the island opposite Failaka Island.

Bubiyan is next to Iraq's Faw Peninsula which Iran occupied for two years. Fighting in the eight-year conflict ended with a ceasefire last August.

HH the Amir has ordered the construction of chalets in Subiya area to be given to citizens. This

project is presently under study, the official said.

On new projects undertaken by Kuwait Municipality, Rifai said that the Municipality will shortly issue official maps for the new administrative division of Kuwait into five governorates. He said that the project is in its final stages and maps will be sold to the public.

A project to publish a modern guide of Kuwait containing coloured maps of all areas in the country including names of roads and streets and other important utilities like hotels, embassies, restaurants is under consideration.

An offer by a Kuwaiti company called "Kuwait Pearls" to construct cities on the Kuwaiti coast has been referred to the engineering and technical department for revision, the official said.

## Kuwait and Egypt sign bilateral cultural co-operation agreement

KUWAIT, Jan 31, (KUNA): Kuwait and Egypt today signed a Memorandum of Understanding to enhance bilateral co-operation in culture and art.

The memo was signed on behalf of Kuwait by Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs and Chairman of the National Council for Culture, Arts and Letters Rashed Abdul Aziz Al Rashed, and on behalf of Egypt by visiting Culture Minister Farouq Hosni.

The signing ceremony, at the cabinet's headquarters, was attended by Acting Secretary

General of the National Council for Culture, Arts and Letters Dr Farouq Al Omar, Director of Kuwait's Islamic Antiquities House Sheikh Hussah Sabah Al Salem, Egyptian Ambassador to Kuwait Saeed Rifat and members of the delegation accompanying the visiting minister.

Speaking on the occasion Rashed commented Kuwaiti-Egyptian cultural ties which he said were historical and have been extended over many generations.

He pointed out that the fraternal bonds between Kuwait and

Egypt were deeper and stronger than any formality and there was really no need for memos or agreements.

In this connection, Rashed referred to His Highness the Amir's remarks on receiving the visiting Egyptian Culture Minister that "our relations with Egypt are unlimited."

Rashed also cited the instructions by HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah for further co-operation between Kuwait and Egypt.

## 3 million narcotic pills seized at one border post

KUWAIT'S customs officers seized three million narcotic pills in three months at one single border check post, according to Mohammed Al Rifai, the deputy director general of the General Customs Department for Control and Inspection Affairs.

The work of inspectors centres on devising plans and novel modes of operation to foil attempts

of smugglers attempting to bring in prohibited material into the country.

Recently, inspectors seized 131,000 narcotic pills cleverly hidden in a truck. The seizure was effected at the Abdali Road. Several government authorities co-operated with the department in this operation, the official said.

## Communications Ministry to sign new cleaning contract

KUWAIT'S Ministry of Communications is to sign a contract with a new cleaning contractor for the ministry's utilities, an authoritative source at the ministry said.

In an interview with KUNA, the official said that the ministry took serious cognisance of the recent strike resorted to by the

current cleaners. The ministry had to resort to its own cleaning workforce to bridge the gap.

He added that officials of the public services at the ministry inspected the relevant utilities to follow up and ensure that a high standard of cleanliness is being maintained.

## Applied education study programmes

STUDY programmes, organised by the Society Service and Continuous Education Centre at the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training, has begun at all centres and faculties of the authority, for the spring season according to a senior official.

Gholoum Al Attar, the director of the centre said that 1,600 individuals joined these programmes. The number is expected to increase to 1,700 at the end of two weeks — the closing date for registration.

Attar said that the authority will offer new programmes on Saturday for 108 women who are supported by the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour.

## Asian labour force in the Gulf growing

(Continued from Page 1)

The study, based on the 1985 Kuwait census findings and data from other GCC states, covers a decade from 1975 to 1985.

A UN expert attached to the CSO says the most "dramatic change" has been in the increase in supply of cheap labour from South East Asian countries like the Philippines, South Korea, and Sri Lanka, and to a lesser extent from Indonesia and Thailand, shifting the emphasis from Arab to Asian countries as the major labour exporters.

The most dramatic increase has been the influx of labour from South Korea. Within five years their numbers multiplied from 4,000 in 1975 to 40,000 in 1980.

Employers, given a choice, prefer Asian labour due to "the cheap and endless supply from Asia and the Far East," the expert said.

**Trend**  
The other factor responsible for this trend was the inability of Arab countries to meet the rising demand for labour in the Gulf. "The Asian and Far-Eastern countries are now competing in

## Bahrain chamber of commerce promotes commercial activity

FOR the last fifty years trade and commerce in Bahrain has seen unprecedented growth under the guidance and supervision of a unique organisation, the oldest of its kind in the Gulf.

The Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI) has been in the forefront of the island's economic development before and after independence. Formed in 1939, this vital institution has been successful in promoting and developing commercial activities in the country in both private and government sectors.

In an interview with the Arab Times, Jassim Al Shatti, director-general of BCCI highlighted the organisation's role and activities and its objectives for the future.

"The chamber is a union that promotes the activities of traders of both national and international companies in Bahrain. We act as a link between the local and overseas parties involved in trade activities in official and non-official capacity. We see ourselves as the co-ordinator in the trading community in the island."

**Contacts**  
He said that BCCI helps to establish contacts between local and international sources in business when required, it oversees exchange of trade delegations between Bahrain and its international trade partners at both official and private levels.

He further added that the chamber's joint committee works in close collaboration and co-operation with various ministries in general and the Ministry of Commerce and Agriculture in particular in highlighting problems of traders and proposing solutions by holding discussions and exchange of views regularly.

According to the director-general, the implication of the GCC economic agreement will foster both domestic and international trade in the region on a greater scale.

"Under the GCC framework we can work as a team. This will definitely increase internal trade in the Gulf. There is a great potential in boosting in particular foodstuff and construction material in the region."

**Factor**  
He cited the causeway as a vital factor in the increase of trade in the region and considerably reducing transportation costs.

Shatti stated that the price-structure of general goods in the region is more or less the same now. In recent past there was a gap of price difference of certain products between 10 and 20 per cent. But this has been almost balanced he added.

Shatti also stated that the proposed unified custom tariffs for all goods in the region will further boost Gulf trade performance.

The Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry has close affiliation with the Gulf Chambers of Commerce and the Union of Arab Chambers of Commerce. In September it is set to celebrate its 50th anniversary.

**Sales**  
Meanwhile, major developments are expected to take place regarding decisions on Bahrain's annual sales over the next few weeks, according to Shatti. He said during the last few years there has been major discrepancy over the frequency of holding sales in the island among the trading community. The issue will now be solved once and for all with the help of a general questionnaire prepared by BCCI in order to determine choice of sales by traders.

Four proposals have been incorporated in the questionnaire which include: once a year sales; twice a year sales; general seasonal sales a year and one general sale for the year or sales a year. Towards the end of December last the questionnaire was sent to 4,000 chamber members seeking views on the issue. All the questionnaires are expected to be received for evaluation by mid-February.

This year the annual sales will be held between March 1-14. As in previous years strict control will be applied to ensure prevention of over-pricing and illegal actions pertaining to sales by traders.

## Private Education Department to hold various competitions

THE Ministry of Education has allocated KD 12,000 as prizes for winners in different competitions organised by the Private Education Department. These prizes are for pupils of private Arab and foreign schools, a local daily reported.

The daily added that 1,200 pupils of private schools are now taking part in the competition to learn the Holy Quran. The competition is to be held annually. The department is also preparing

competitions of Arabic in which 238 pupils will participate. English reading, undertaking social research as well as sporting events are part of the competitions' agenda.

The department will also organise a programme to celebrate National Day that will include plays and cultural seminars. Another festival to distribute prizes to winning pupils of the different competitions will also be organised, the daily said.

## Kuwaiti soil stabiliser registered at US patents office

US Patents Registration Office approved a new invention presented by Kuwait University and Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (KISR).

The invention which was presented by Dr Shauqi Lahlali, Dr Mamoun Halabi, and Dr Khamis Shuaiber from the Petrochemical Department at KISR and Dr Nouriya Al Awadhi of Kuwait University deals with the successful development

ment of a soil stabiliser.

Experiments conducted on two types of Kuwaiti soil gave good results towards giving the soil stronger water erosion resistance compared with other soil stabilisers.

Another study of the economical feasibility of the invention pointed out that its production costs is cheaper than other fixers.

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## VIDEO CORNER

## Private Benjamin goes to police academy

By Gail Seery

THE fact that Feds opens with the main character Elisabeth de Witt cruising in a bus instead of the usual fancy car with the loud stereo does not necessarily mean that this is a low budget movie. No, what runs short in Feds is original ideas. It turns into something of a cross between *Private Benjamin* and *Police Academies* 1, 2, 3 and 4. In fact this film doesn't even hide the fact that there is a projected sequel.

Despite this criticism, it is a very entertaining film, and if you are not looking for anything different, want to be able to unplug your brain and relax, and especially if you enjoy the

"poor recruits make good" fables, then you are likely to enjoy this film.

De Witt has come from the Marines, and desperately wants to join the FBI. She is told at the selection hearing that she is unlikely to stand much chance of graduating, despite her military background, as the academic standard of entry is high. Nevertheless, there is a compulsory quota of women who must be admitted to each course, and so she is grudgingly given a chance.

Sure enough she proves to be outstanding at the physical aspect of the training, but a complete wash out on the more

academic sections of the course. Her room-mate is Lisa Zuckerman, who holds post-graduate degrees in obscure subjects, and has no problem with the academic content of the course. On the other hand when the class stage an exercise in which she is supposed to handcuff a suspect, she is the one who ends on the floor with her hands pinioned behind her.

They also each have to deal with the condescension of the male students, particularly an obnoxious recruit from an FBI family who dismisses Zuckerman as "the type of woman who swears to avoid a cat and lets 12 cars pile into her." The real worry is that they are both

flunking. This is less worrying for De Witt as she is used to the experience — Zuckerman has never failed at anything in her life. However, for some reason best known to themselves, they each want to make the grade more than anything else in the world.

They decide to pool resources and set up a self help group. They arrest a few people and solve a few crimes along the way, and I'm sure you can guess whether or not they graduate.

One point about this film is that it is another in a series of films, like *Baby Boom*, which show women succeeding in a man's world, and therefore in a slightly less stereotyped way

than we are used to. It is unusual to find two women in the lead and no romance or depression anywhere to be found. On the other hand, it's a pity the film had to be so full of clichés.

There are also some novelities, such as seeing the two girls go out and get drunk the night before the final assessment test. I don't recall having seen the male-buddies-drinking-in-a-comradely-fashion routine transferred to females before.

The film makes many assumptions, and value judgements, and takes a very rose-tinted look at the FBI. It is mostly harmless however. Even so it is not a film I would care to watch twice.

## TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

## KTV 1

## MORNING

9.00 Holy Quran  
9.10 Good Morning  
9.15 Cartoon serial  
9.45 World News via Satellite  
10.00 Abna'a Al Diyah: Arabic serial; part 5. Starring: Jamil Awadh, Juliet Rubi Al Safi, Iman Kamel.  
10.50 News Summary/Good Morning  
11.00 Al Zaleel: local Arabic serial; starring Mohammad Al Manea, Ayesha Ibrahim  
12.00 Magic Show  
1.00 News Summary  
1.05 Holy Quran; Closedown

## EVENING

4.00 Holy Quran  
4.15 World News via Satellite  
4.45 Cartoon serial  
5.15 Layla Min Alif Laya: Thousand and One Nights.  
5.30 Liqa Fi Al Zakira: historical serial; starring Fahry Al Akidi, Fawzi Mahdi,

Nizar Al Samara.  
7.00 With Students  
7.30 Askani Wal Mawatin: Citizens and Housing. Local programme  
8.00 The Advancement of Science  
8.30 Good Evening  
9.00 News in Arabic  
9.50 Al Jawaahir: Arabic serial; starring Safa Abu Saud, Salah Saadani, Yusuf Shaban, Mohsina Tawfiq.  
11.30 Aghniya Fi Al Tamaniyat: variety show. Tonight's guests are Rabiha Saqr and music director Mohammad Shafiq  
12.30 News Summary  
12.35 World News via Satellite; Holy Quran; Closedown

## KTV 2

6.00 Holy Quran  
6.10 Transformers: cartoon serial  
6.30 Emma and Grandpa: a new series for children, based on the story of a seven-year-

old girl and her grandfather.  
7.00 Prestige: two children try to run away from a man who imposes his way of life on them.  
7.30 Mutual of Omaha News in English  
8.00 You and the Law: local programme  
8.55 Matlock: "The Doctors". A doctor is on trial for killing a colleague.  
9.40 The Cosby Show: Dr Huxtable challenges a colleague. Comedy  
10.10 Wednesday's feature film: "The Diamond Trap". A private eye and a young girl get involved in murder and diamond smuggling. Based on a novel by John Minahan. Starring: Brooke Shields, Ed Marino and Twiggy.  
12.00 News Summary followed by Magazine D'Actualite: Holy Quran; Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

## RADIO PROGRAMMES

## BBC World Services

0600 Newstalk  
30 Omnibus  
0100 News Summary followed by Outlook  
25 Financial News  
30 How It All Began  
45 The Sound of Scotland  
0200 World News  
09 British Press Review  
15 Health Matters  
30 Citizens  
0300 World News  
09 News About Britain  
15 The World Today  
30 Discovery  
0400 Newstalk  
30 Business Matters  
45 The Sound of Scotland  
0500 World News  
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary  
30 Financial News  
40 Words of Faith  
45 The World Today  
0600 Newstalk  
30 Meridian  
0700 World News  
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary  
30 Development '88  
0800 World News  
09 Words of Faith  
15 Business Matters  
30 Quote, Unquote  
0900 World News  
09 British Press Review  
15 The World Today  
30 Financial News followed by Sports Roundup  
45 How It All Began  
1000 News Summary followed by Omnibus  
30 Jazz for the Asking  
1100 World News  
09 News About Britain  
15 The Sound of Scotland  
30 Meridian  
1200 Newstalk  
15 They Made Our World  
25 The Farming World  
45 Sports Roundup  
1300 World News  
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary  
30 Development '88

1400 Outlook, opening with 5-Minute News  
45 Business Matters  
1500 Newstalk  
15 The Learning World  
30 King Street Junior (ex 1st Two Cheers)  
1600 World News  
09 News about Britain  
15 The Beeb's Lost Beatles Tapes  
45 The World Today  
1700 World News  
09 Commentary  
15 Society Today  
30 New Ideas  
45 Book Choice  
45 Sports Roundup  
1800 Newstalk  
30 Multitrack 2  
1900 News Summary followed by  
25 Financial News  
30 Network UK  
45 How It All Began  
2000 World News  
09 The World Today  
25 Words of Faith  
30 Assignment  
2100 News Summary followed by Sports Roundup  
15 The Beeb's Lost Beatles Tapes

## FM Services

0600 Opening/Easy Listening  
0830 News  
0840 Easy Listening  
1000 Songs and Music  
1200 Arabic Music  
1300 Easy Listening  
1330 News on FM Service  
1340 Easy Listening  
1400 Classical Music  
1600 Easy Listening  
1700 Italian Hour  
1800 Pops  
1900 Helter Skelter  
2000 Pops  
2130 News  
2200 Indian Classical Hour  
2300 Easy Listening  
2400 Instrumental Listening  
0200 Closedown

## CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus  
Youn Mir Youn Helu (Arabic)  
Starring: Faten Hamama, Mohammad Muncer  
Al Sahiya  
Closed  
Al Hamra  
Delta Force Commando  
Starring: Fred Williamson  
Drive-in  
Al Jawazah Dimishq Lazim Tatum (Arabic)  
Starring: Hussein Fahmi, Bosi  
Al Firdous  
Sila (Hindi)  
Starring: Raj Kiran, Sadashiv Amrapurkar  
Fahad Open-air  
Door Desh (Hindi)  
Al Jahra  
Battle of Flying Tigers

Al Fahheel  
Al Ghajria Al Ashiqah (Arabic)  
Granada  
Ayyam Al Ro'ab (Arabic)  
Sulabikhat  
Adolokam (Malayalam)  
Al Jeeb  
Jaws of Revenge  
Ahmadi Drive-in  
Al Shaitan Yaghni (Arabic)

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## Emotional tales

daughter sleep in their bed etc. When the lawyer ex-husband hears of this from the daughter, he files a suit for custody.

The whole film is based on small time people with narrow values and limited IQs, and I found the inability of Keaton's character to express herself clearly, quite frustrating. Many viewers may find this an absorbing study of the travails of motherhood but they probably will be American or female.

Just when it seemed that Schwarzenegger and James Belushi had stretched the "buddy film" to its furthest plausible limits with their offbeat Soviet-American cop pairing in *Red Heat*, an even more bizarre duo is formed by James Caan and Mandy Patinkin in *Alien Nation*.

During the 1990s a spaceship full of slave labourers has crashlanded in Los Angeles. Many have assumed responsible positions in society, but

there is a continuing mistrust between natives and the strange looking newcomers, which has forced them to band together in a ghetto known as Slagtown. Two of their number hold up a store and murder a policeman, so the murdered cop's partner sets out to avenge his friend. But he can only enter Slagtown by teaming up with the police department's hated "token slag" detective.

## Society

The film is obviously trying to say something about the present state of American society, using space aliens because to use one of the existing minority groups might be seen as racist.

However, any attempt at character exposition is lost in the subsequent car chases, drug deals and other action sequences characteristic of police shoot-'em-ups. As most viewers in Kuwait seem to prefer simple action to meditation about cultural differences, *Alien Nation* is bound to be a hit anyway.

Stormy Monday is a new Anglo-American production set in Newcastle, where a dubious businessman from Stateside (Tommy Lee Jones) is busy snapping up waterfront property for redevelopment.

The only local to resist Cosmo's pressure is nightclub owner Finney (Singer), who violently turns the tables on a pair of thugs who have arrived from London to persuade him to sign on the dotted line.

## Corruption

Caught up in the spiral of corruption and mayhem are beautiful American expat Kate (Melanie Griffith), and newcomer Brendan, who works for Finney. Unfortunately these two do little to improve the film, which otherwise contains some memorable moments and real style. The film is punctuated with flashes of sly humour, droll Anglo-American prods and crafty visual touches.

A Very British Coup is a best-seller originally released on British TV in three parts last summer. In the 1990s, follow-



James Caan and Mandy Patinkin in *Alien Nation*.

ing a reaction to right-wing Thatcherism, a left-wing government headed by Northern Harry Perkins is voted into power, and sets about fulfilling his election promises with higher spending on welfare, pensions, and public works, and corresponding increases in taxes, dismantling of Britain's nuclear deterrent, etc.

## Discredit

The establishment — and Britain's main ally (the USA) — go into a flap, and set about trying to discredit everything Harry or his government does. The CIA moves in with telephone taps, telescope surveillance and seductive blonds, but Harry is not just a simpleminded Northerner as some will have it. He turns the tables on his own intelligence services, and gives all his opponents a run for their money.

The media, run by a handful of press barons are all against him, as he intends to pass a law allowing one man one paper. They, therefore, react with glee when they get wind of a possible sex scandal involving Harry. Viewers may remember Ray Macanally who plays the prime

minister, as the father in John Le Carré's *A Perfect Spy*. His face alone conveys that combination of seediness and slyness which would be sure to irritate any of Maggie's fans.

Much of the humour is anti-establishment and anti-American, and some may not be understandable to non-Brits as when an American thinks he has been invited to a football match at Sheffield, Tuesday, but although Maggie may not be amused, most British viewers will be.

For British comedy fans there are continuations of the top two series — *Bread*, unintelligible to all those who dwell South of the Watford Gap, and *Allo Allo*, now with added spice after Rene's real proclivities were revealed in the Sunday tabloids. Del Boy is also back in a new series of *Only Fools and Horses* which starts with a full length hilarious episode about Stripogrammes.

The first of this year's Rugby Internationals are also now available.

The above films are by courtesy of VFI Fintas/Farwanjia; Video Nasa, Tel. 2432809; and Video Club, Tel. 5724372.

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## SPORTS

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Windsurfing  
FEB. 4: First Windsurfing Club meeting at Messilah Beach Hotel at 7.30 pm All are welcome. For details contact Steve — 3717694 (home) or Ken — 5624111 ext. 751 (off).

Five-a-side Football  
FEB 17: The Weekend Club will hold their first annual five-a-side football tournament at Al Sour Grounds. The draw will be held on the same day. For entry forms contact M. Dias (Off) 2460983.

Laser Sailing  
FEB 3: Start of Messilah Beach Laser Club's spring series. Laser owners and others interested are welcome. For details contact David Clark: 4845171/2425947; P. Shepherd — 4845153/5314957; P. Berry — 3924174.

Tivim Centre  
MAR. 4/5: The Tivim Centre will hold its second annual one-day seven-a-side football festival at Al Sour Grounds. This will be followed by their second inter-village nine-a-side football tournament, beginning April 8. For details contact organisers.

At the Sheraton  
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Thursdays: Arab world specialties night. Coffee Shop offers casual meals and quick lunches plus a daily special.

At the Movenpick  
CURRY PROMOTION:  
(Feb. 3 to 23): The restaurant will promote curries including mulligatawny soup; shrimp in curried sauce; murg musalam; hamour fillet in green mango curry; lamb and potato curry and Indian vegetable curry.



Melanie Griffith in *Stormy Monday*.

## WHAT'S ON

## ARTS

Kuwait Science Museum  
DAILY: 5 pm onwards: natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Friday: 9 am onwards.

Kuwait Arts Museum  
SAT — THURS: 8.30 am to 12.30 pm and 4.30 to 7.30 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Quranic manuscripts, ceramics, carpets and marine equipment.  
Arabian Gulf St.  
Tareq Rajab Museum  
SAT — THURS: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm; FRIDAYS: 9 am to noon. Collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world.

Sadu House  
SAT — THURS: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts — rugs, saddle bags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.  
Ghadir Gallery  
Until Feb. 9: "The Orient in their Eyes", a collection of works by a group of Arab and European painters will be shown at the gallery. Open daily from 9 am to 12.30 pm and 4 to 8.30 pm.

Iwan Gallery  
Exhibition of lithographs by three 19th century Orientalists. Open from 9 am to 1 pm, 5 to 9 pm, at the gallery located in Zahra Complex, Salmiya.  
Kuwait Society for Formative Arts  
UPTO FEB. 9: The Kuwait Society for Formative Arts will hold the annual general exhibition, displaying art works by Kuwaiti and non-Kuwaiti plastic artists.

## THEATRE

IAC Drama Competition  
IAC will hold a one-act play competition in the first half of May. All Indian groups can enter the competition. For details call 3904817 after 6.30 pm; Sharma — 2644863; Ramani — 3903879.

Konkani Drama  
FEB 3: IAC, 4 pm; N.G.O.A. will present a Konkani drama *Ekuch Kazar*, directed by M. Boyer. Also taking part are Betty Naz, Sabina, Rosario Dias and others. For reservations Tel: 2401319 ext. 22.  
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Kaoud will give a lecture on "From Totis to Teens, A Survey of British Literature for Children".

FILMS: Feb 8 (6 pm): *Winnie the Pooh and the Blustery Day* (cartoon); Feb 15 (6 pm): *The Amazing Adventures of Sherlock Holmes* (cartoons).

STORYTELLING SESSION: A professional storyteller will conduct the sessions. Feb 9/16 (9.30 — 10.30 am) a session for children — aged seven to 10; (11 am-12 noon) stories for children aged three to six.  
All are welcome. Free admission. But it is advisable to reserve seats. Tel: 2515512; 2533204; 2533227.

## MUSIC

Dhanak  
FEB 3: The music groups Funkada and Saaz aur Awaz will present a musical evening entitled "Dhanak" at the SAS Tent, featuring a number of local singers and musicians. For details contact Anwar — Tel: 3985456; Zulfiqar — Tel: 4814733.

SOCIAL  
Jumbo Circus  
The Indian Jumbo Circus, Mishrif Grounds, has been extended by popular demand. Show timings are 5 pm and 8 pm.

Kuwait Caledonians  
FEB 2: The Caledonians will hold the Burns Night (Thursday) at the Messilah Beach Hotel. The guest from Scotland will be Jack Glenn. Tel: 5355082; 5352235; 3727691 ext. 253.

KAPILKU  
FEB 3: 7 pm: Kapilku will hold an officers meeting at the Holiday Inn auditorium.

At the Sheraton  
RICCARDO'S: Italian cuisine prepared using home-made pasta; lunch and dinner, evening entertainment by the Sienna's Duo. Closed on Fridays.  
Al Hambra: Sundays: Lebanese cuisine; Tuesday's is Thai Night; Wednesdays: seafood night; musicians provide a blend of music from the East and the West.  
Friday's buffet brunch while the children enjoy games in the ballroom next door.  
Hunt Room: lunch and dinner rest., specialises in meat and fish dishes.  
Le Tarbouche: offers a taste of Lebanon for lunch and dinner.  
Thursdays: Arab world specialties night. Coffee Shop offers casual meals and quick lunches plus a daily special.

At the Movenpick  
CURRY PROMOTION:  
(Feb. 3 to 23): The restaurant will promote curries including mulligatawny soup; shrimp in curried sauce; murg musalam; hamour fillet in green mango curry; lamb and potato curry and Indian vegetable curry.

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# ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

BEFORE buying anything, it is well to ask whether one could not do without it — John Lubbock, English astronomer-mathematician (1803-1865).

## Bush running into criticism

By Gene Gibbons

WASHINGTON, (Reuter): President Bush may be pleased with his first week in the White House but hawkish commentators are already putting pressure on him to drop his "soothing goodness" and get on with tackling the country's problems.

Under the headline "No more Mr Nice Guy — please," conservative columnist Charles Krauthammer complained the atmosphere of good feeling present at the start of the Bush administration was bad news for the country.

George Will, another conservative columnist and long one of Bush's most acerbic critics, said the president's "handsome attitudes" towards clean government raised a question: Beyond "serving," is there something else he wants to do?

At his first White House press conference on Friday, Bush said he was "ready to roll" with positive leadership and was keenly aware of the pitfalls ahead.

### Controversy

"There'll be plenty of time for controversy and plenty of time for lively debate on substance," he said. "That'll follow and follow pretty soon."

He said he planned to move forward as quickly as possible on priority items such as reducing the US budget deficit, further improving US-Soviet relations and dealing with the drug problem.

The American people "understand that in things like the foreign policy area, it's prudent to have a review," he said, referring to the extensive analysis of US strategic policy that he has ordered.

But Krauthammer said Bush has seemed obsessed at times by constraints imposed by the need to reduce the deficit and appears to be tailoring a custodial role for himself.

"That is just the kind of president we need when things are humming along nicely, when

all the country demands is a little trimming of the edges, a little sandpapering of the hard corners of Reaganism," he said.

### Decline

"But it will not do when things turn down, as they inevitably must," Krauthammer added, arguing that the United States is overdue for an economic decline or serious foreign crisis.

"At that point, the country will tire as quickly of Bush's soft and soothing and simple goodness as it did of Jimmy Carter's," he predicted.

Bush's first big test will come on Feb 9 when he will spell out this presidential policy priorities in an address to a joint session of Congress.

Bush has also promised a revised budget plan, a document that is certain to spark controversy, on or about then.

"Look, I don't expect it's all going to be sweetness and harmony and light," he told his news conference. "The minute we get those proposals up there on Feb 9, I expect we're going to have other firestorms swirling around."

### Test

Bush faces his first big defence policy test on Feb 15. He must decide by then whether to spend \$600 million for more research on a plan to deploy 10-warhead MX missiles on railway wagons or use the funds to prepare for the deployment of single-warhead Midgetman missiles on trucks.

The decision is politically ticklish since the Defence Department wants the railway scheme and most congressional Democrats favour the truck plan.

Bush's decision also has important implications for US strategic arms talks with the Soviet Union.

Brent Scowcroft, his national security adviser, is known to feel a 50 per cent cut in strategic missiles — the goal of those talks — is advisable for the United States only if it can be sure that its remaining strategic arms cannot be easily targeted.

## Power is main issue in foreign policy

By Walter R. Meers

WASHINGTON, (AP): A new age of harmony in US foreign policy is going to be elusive and fragile, even with the Republican White House and the Senate's top Democrat working to create it.

It will take more than the efforts of both parties because the most divisive and intractable policy disputes of recent years were not partisan in the first place.

They hinged instead on the powers of Congress and the executive branch to make or risk war in a time of limited conflicts, surgical strikes, terrorism and, most recently, naval escort missions for reflagged Kuwaiti ships in the Gulf.

George Mitchell, the leader of the Democratic Party majority in the Senate, said defence is a responsibility shared by the President and Congress "but in recent years it sometimes seemed as if we were opposing each other rather than exercising shared powers. That need not be."

His words meshed with President George Bush's call at his inaugural ceremony for a new era of co-operation and unity.

### Challenge

The challenge is to define the shared powers so as to satisfy Congress without intruding on authority presidents always have reserved for their own.

Mitchell said bipartisanship "cannot be made real by words alone, or by good intentions."

"It requires deeds to match words, action to carry out intention... shared responsibility."

The new majority leader asked Bush to make Congress "a partner in policy formulation," acknowledging that even that won't prevent differences between the two branches of government.

"But in the great eras of American leadership, the differences have been less important than the agreements," Mitchell said.

A generation ago, a Democratic administration and an overwhelmingly Democratic Congress clashed in the dispute that gave rise to the rest: the undeclared war in Vietnam.

## Defence against chemical attack

# Wearing the protective gear is not easy

By Peter Grier

FORT RILEY, Kan: As I tap these words on my portable computer I am wearing a full set of United States Army chemical defence gear: gas mask, oversuit, boots, and gloves. I've had this stuff on for an hour. It's driving me nuts.

The squishy gloves make me feel as if I'm typing with my hands in galoshes. The mask resembles a rubber bag tied around my head. I'm in a chilly office, but I'm sweating like a man sealed in a Hefly bag. How can troops stand this?

"Think of the alternative," a soldier says. "Think of dying."

I've come to the home base of a typical Army division to get a feel for what chemical defence at ground level is like. I've also managed to provide wholesome entertainment for nearby troops, who rarely see civilians hunched about in ill-fitting military clothing.

### Cumbersome

Simply putting the gear on was not easy. Army norms call for soldiers to don all protective equipment in 8 minutes; it took me longer than that just to figure out which item I'd been handed was which.

Donning the oversuit itself was like putting on a ski outfit made of oilcloth. Pants and tunic snap together and close with drawstrings; a charcoal-impregnated liner keeps poisons from seeping through.

Putting on the boot coverings was more cumbersome. Basically, they are flat rubber envelopes whose edges are wrapped up around the foot with string. Lacing up was a complex

task involving loops and numerous half-hitches; the final result, with its turned-up toe, looks curiously elfin. Pull-on models are now being delivered to some units.

Gloves are in two parts: a cotton liner, to absorb sweat, and a rubber covering. In my case the gloves' overlong fingers hung limply, like circus clown's.

With my gas mask at my side (troops don't put theirs on until ordered to the highest state of readiness), I stumbled toward a brigade chemical defence field exercise. Suits are sized only by length, meaning tall skinny fellows like me wear extra-large sizes that could handle a line-backer.

"You look pregnant," said a chemical defence officer upon my arrival.

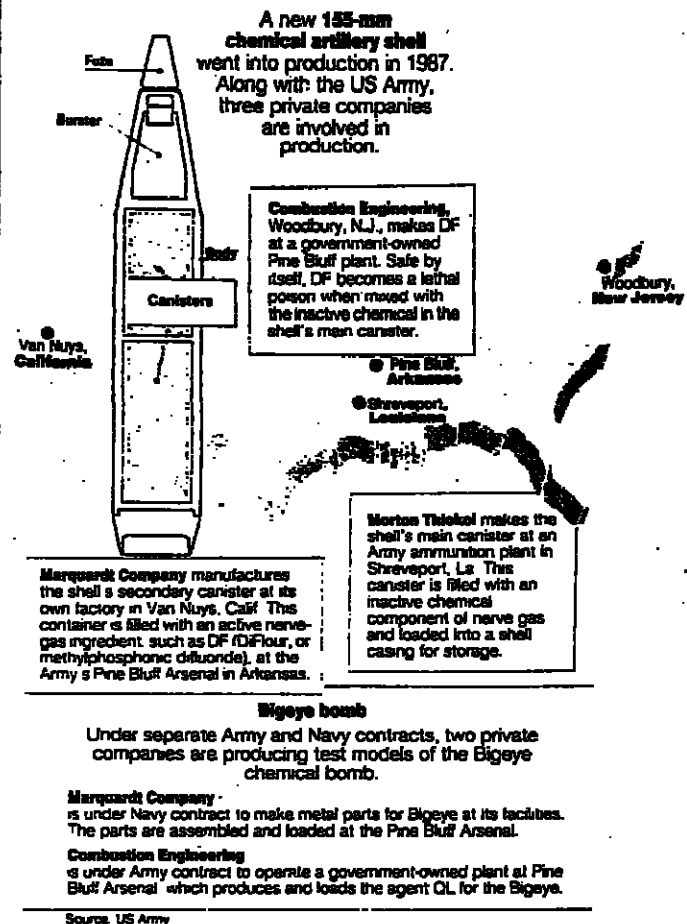
First stop was a mock decontamination station.

This was a clearing divided by white tape into a series of rectangles, and filled with trash cans. The rectangles represented steps soldiers would go through to cleanse themselves after a chemical attack, such as wading through a trench filled with bleach to clean boots and scrubbing down masks and rifles.

The trash cans would be for items beyond cleansing. As I walked through the site, one of the chemical detectors soldiers were practising with went off. It made an eerie, air-raid-siren sound.

Some of the detectors that were standard issue in the '70s were so complicated that "you practically had to be a chemist to operate them," says Sgt 1st Class Gary Triplett, a brigade chemical specialist. He says the

## The US's new-generation chemical weapons: who produces what



newer Geiger-counter-like models are much easier to operate. By this fancy equipment is carried only by special chemical and reconnaissance units. Average soldiers use detection paper, which must be very close to the chemical agent to detect it. Near the mock decontamination

site was a detection practice area, a sort of forest lane dotted with spots of simulated contamination. It was roped off by yellow tape wrapped around trees and a large yellow sign yelling "GAS — Blister." Inside were three soldiers in full gear, conferring. Their gas masks and quizzical head tilts made them look like giant, confused insects.

They were reading detector paper instructions out loud. "Loud," in this case, was a relative term. The muffling effect of the masks made them sound as if they were yelling up from the bottom of a well.

"You have to talk slow," Sergeant Triplett said.

There was a popping sound and a puff of smoke as the group cracked a capsule that makes heat by mixing two chemicals. Below a certain temperature, detection paper must be warmed to work. Having apparently confirmed the presence of poison, the three rushed off to provide more warning signs. They left behind a piece of paper stained dark red.

### Defensive

Finally, it was time to go to full defensive posture and don the mask. It's supposed to take 6 seconds to pull the mask out of its pouch, snap it over your face, and check that it's tight. You get 9 more seconds to pull an attached hood over your neck.

To get mine on took maybe a minute — and three people. The hood just wouldn't go down over my head. After getting it on, my first reaction was that it was nice to get the Kansas wind out of my face. The second was that I couldn't see. A large rubber pug nose was cutting off most of my

downward vision. To take notes, I had to hold my notebook at eye level.

Because of the small eyeholes, some common tasks must be done differently. With this model of mask, soldiers learn to hold their M-16 rifles sideways when aiming. Otherwise they can't sight down the barrel.

In combat, company clerks, computer operators, communications specialists, and other clerical and technical workers would have to go about their duties wearing chemical gear. So trying to write while wearing mask and suit is not entirely without reason: to help soldiers and officers get used to the outfit, training sometimes requires them to wear it during their daily office routine.

I got through the first several hundred words of this story, plus a phone call to my office to threaten the editors who had the bright idea to send me here. Then the world closed in, and I had to take the gear off.

But if there were real poison out there, soldiers would be trapped inside these suits. Even the best-trained would have to feed some claustrophobia.

Used properly, chemical gear offers excellent protection. The suit is largely meant to stop mustard gas, which can penetrate clothing and attack the skin; the mask blocks nerve gas from its main entry point, the lungs. But in combat, surely drawings would have a way of untying and straps, a tendency to loosen.

For me, this brush with chemical defensive gear only gave a hint of the horror of chemical war.

The Christian Science Monitor

SO, SAM... TELL ME... HOW ARE THINGS IN YOUR OCCUPIED TERRITORIES?



## Fundamentalist-PLO power struggle

By Karin Laub

BETHLEHEM, occupied West Bank, (AP): This Christian enclave in the Israeli occupied lands is the focus of an often violent campaign by Muslim fundamentalists to challenge PLO leadership.

Fundamentalists in black ski masks have torched shops of Bethlehem merchants refusing to follow their strike orders and battled followers of the Palestine Liberation Organisation with stones and clubs in an attempt to assert control.

"Since we believe that the uprising is God-made, we think the fundamentalists have the right to lead it," said Samer, 25, a Bethlehem barber active in "Hamas," or "zeal," a fundamentalist group that opposes PLO moves to seek a compromise with Israel.

Frictions between the rivals has cropped up often in the 13-month uprising but increased last month after PLO leader Yasser Arafat launched his diplomatic initiative by recognizing Israel and renouncing terrorism.

Such concessions are anathema to the fundamentalists, who want a "holy war" against Israel and demand an Islamic state throughout all of former Palestine, including Israeli territory.

### Force

"What was taken by force must be returned by force," said Samer. "Palestine must be an Islamic state."

In the Bethlehem area, the beleaguered Christian Arab population is putting up strong resistance to the fundamentalist movement mainly because they fear Islamic domination.

Christian Palestinians are traditionally aligned with the PLO because it advocates a secular, democratic Palestine.

About 30,000 Christians live in Bethlehem and the adjacent towns of Beit Jallah and Beit Sahour, but their influence is being overcome by the fast-growing Muslim community. About 23,000 Muslims live in the

## Bethlehem: focus of violent campaign

three towns, and 40,000 others occupy nearby refugee camps and villages.

"The Christians feel their rights are being trampled on by the fundamentalists," said Kamal, a 22-year-old Bethlehem grocery clerk active in the Arafat's Fatah Faction of the PLO. Like others interviewed, Kamal refused to give his last name for fear of retribution by Israeli soldiers or rival Palestinians.

Breaking the PLO's grip in Bethlehem would be a major victory for the fundamentalists who have a strong following in the Gaza Strip and have made inroads elsewhere in the West Bank.

PLO-backed leaders still have the strongest role in the uprising, and Palestinian journalist Daoud Kuttab said that in other places in the West Bank the PLO has chosen not to battle Hamas for fear of splitting the revolt.

Israeli troops patrol Bethlehem and surrounding towns, but are concerned more with halting anti-Israeli protests than with divisions between Palestinian factions.

The struggle between Hamas and the PLO has been played out mainly in general strikes staged by the rival groups. Residents of Bethlehem, Beit Jallah and Beit Sahour repeatedly have defied Hamas strike orders.

Three months ago, Hamas enforcers battled with PLO leftists who encouraged merchants to defy a Hamas-led strike.

"When the merchants saw they had support from that side, they started calling Hamas names," said Samer, the barber. "Our people and the communists started throwing stones at each other."

Another time, a clash erupted between the two sides in Manager Square, near where the Bible

says Jesus was born and the city's tourist centre.

Hamas stepped up retaliatory attacks after Bethlehem merchants stayed open during a Hamas-called strike Dec 31. Later that day, masked Hamas enforcers torched a shoe store and parked bus and tried to set fire to a toy shop.

The violence and threats have had results. During a Hamas strike last Sunday, Bethlehem merchants for the first time kept shops shut without enforcers intervening, although their colleagues in Beit Jallah and Beit Sahour refused to go along with the strike.

Bethlehem's rain-slick market near Manager Square was deserted except for sidewalk vendors selling bread and newspapers, whose sale is allowed during strikes. Taxis and buses stopped running, and slogans scribbled on walls read: "Today is a strike day. We warn you to close your shops."

### Shut

Salem, owner of two bakeries, said he stayed shut for the first time during a Hamas strike. "I'm afraid they'll burn my shops down," he said. "Last week, I got a letter of warning because I had opened on a previous strike."

George, a Christian who owns three groceries, said he complied with the strike after assailants smashed his car window last week and left behind a note reading: "This time it is the window, and the next time it will be your shops."

PLO activists have accused Hamas of harming the uprising by fueling division, but Hamas followers defend its strong-arm tactics.

"We are trying to show our presence, and we have to use force," said Samer, sitting in his immaculate barber shop, occasionally stroking his neatly trimmed black beard.

## Sweden's arms industry bracing for difficulties

By Johan Rapp

MALMO, Sweden, (AP): For a small neutral country at peace for 175 years, Sweden makes a lot of weapons.

The Swedes build their own jet fighters, naval cruisers and patrol boats, artillery, tanks and anti-aircraft guns, "F-18s," "hastig" missiles, explosives, radar — "everything" weapons "to supply most of its defence needs."

But the arms makers are worried about the future after years of cutbacks by the Swedish military and escalating production costs for high-tech systems. Companies are trimming production and talking about merging. Some are calling for increased weapons exports.

"It's been considered part of our security policy to produce weapons systems that are necessary to defend Sweden. But that policy has started to crack at the joints," said Paul Palsson, president of the state-owned Kockums Marine AB which builds submarines.

"Sweden is too small a market to carry the arms industry it has. You have to get out and export," Palsson said.

### Market

With a shrinking home market, pressure to export prompted some big companies to skirt the tight export regulations banning sales to countries at war or even to regions where conflict is likely.

Two businessmen are on trial for illegal gunpowder exports. Four executives of Bofors AB, the country's biggest arms producer, face prosecution for selling weaponry to Iran and other Gulf states.

And the list doesn't end there. Singapore, Britain and Yugoslavia have been named as countries reselling Swedish-made weapons or munitions to circumvent Swedish regulations, although no charges have been brought in these cases.

Bofors also was accused of bribing Indian officials to win a contract, despite agreement between late Prime Minister Olof Palme and his Indian counterpart, Rajiv Gandhi, there would be no payoffs or commissions. Bofors claims no wrongdoing, maintaining it paid off agents who had worked on the deal before Palme put a stop to it.

### Security

Geographically squeezed between NATO and the Warsaw Pact in Northern Europe, Sweden built its security policy on a strong defence and an independent arms industry to avoid entanglements with either alliance. Its neutrality has kept it out of fighting since the Napoleonic wars.

The country's military chief, supreme commander Bengt Gustafsson, has warned that defence policy "may have to be redefined" unless the military gets more money.

While its neighbours strengthened their armies, Sweden reduced the military's share of the Gross National Product from 4 per cent in 1970 to 3 per cent last year.

The defence network can no longer afford to keep the arms industry filled with orders, Gustafsson said. His gloomy reports on the state of the military have triggered one of the biggest defence debates here since World War II.

"It feels unreal to hear the Swedish military talk about more money at a time of international peace," said Bengt Theorin, a leading member of the ruling Social Democratic Party.

Dealing in weapons is a sensitive issue in a nation boasting the world's oldest existing peace movement, the 105-year-old Swedish Peace and Arbitration Society, which champions world disarmament issues.

### Defence

But in a country of 8.5 million people, defence has become closely linked to economic goals — full employment, regional development and the well-being of the big companies which provide the fuel to drive the engines of the welfare state.

Arms production encompasses companies at the heart of Sweden's civilian export industry. Automaker Saab-Scania AB also builds airplanes. Ericsson, the telecommunications giant, makes sophisticated electronic hardware.

Weapons makers employ 27,000 people, or almost 3 per cent of the industrial work force. Arms exports are less than 1 per cent of total foreign business, but they pump enough money into projects to keep production lines going.

The stakes are high in major projects like the development of the new multi-role combat plane, Jas 39 Gripen.

Roughly 11 billion kronor (\$1.7 billion) already have been plowed into the project, now 18 months behind schedule. Estimates of the final cost — around 42 billion kronor (\$7 billion) — are rising so fast that the plane risks being scrapped.

Gustafsson told a news conference Wednesday that turning the project would pay off in the long run, but he warned that unless the military got more from the treasury, it might have to take the cheaper short-term option and buy an American plane.

George Karslund, head of Saab-Scania, said the Air Force cancels the order, it could spell the end of the Swedish aviation industry. That would mean thousands of jobs, many of them in one-industry towns, he said.

### Protect

Anxious to protect its peaceful image, Sweden imposed strict export laws which effectively rule out selling weapons to the countries which use them most.

Exports, mainly ammunition and explosives, are about 25 per cent of the total arms production. Few of the expensive weapon systems have been sold abroad.

That will have to change if the arms industry is to survive, said Palsson, whose shipbuilders secured a 15-billion-kronor (\$2.5-billion) deal in 1987 to develop a submarine industry in Australia.

That contract, including the sale of eight Swedish vessels, and the 1986 sale of \$1.4 billion worth of artillery to India, were the two largest arms deals in Swedish history.

Kockums, a small company in the southern port of Malmo, built conventional submarines for 65 years with no thought of selling them abroad. It experimented with its early models by building them in swimming pools.

"Times have changed," Palsson said. "Now we must be allowed to export" to offset the cost of machines packed with expensive electronics.

"The submarines we produce cost less than if we bought them abroad," Palsson said. "You get a weapons system that is tailored for Swedish conditions."

## TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1587 — England's Queen Elizabeth I signs warrant for execution of Mary Queen of Scots.
- 1702 — Prince Eugene of Savoy raids Cremona, Italy.
- 1775 — Peasants in Bohemia revolt against servitude.
- 1881 — First signs of nationalist movement appear in Egypt as military officers stage uprising.
- 1896 — Crete, inspired by Greece, begins revolution against Turkey.
- 1899 — US flag is raised over Pacific island of Guam, formerly under Spanish control.
- 1908 — Portugal's King Carlos I and crown prince are murdered in Lisbon, and Manuel II becomes king.
- 1924 — Britain recognizes communist government of Soviet Union.
- 1935 — Anglo-German conference is held in London to discuss Germany's rearmament; Italy sends troops to East Africa.
- 1946 — Trygve Lie, Norwegian socialist, is elected United Nations secretary-general; Hungarian republic is proclaimed.
- 1956 — South Africa requests Soviet Union to withdraw all consulates.
- 1959 — Swiss referendum rejects female suffrage in federal elections.
- 1972 — British embassy in Dublin is bombed as anti-British demonstrations sweep Ireland.
- 1986 — Philippines President Ferdinand Marcos says his military uncovered plot to assassinate him.
- 1988 — Mortar bomb rigged with timing device explodes in crowded produce market in Peshawar, Pakistan, killing 5 people and wounding 23.



By Kathy Cuddihy

AFTER a number of years of pure, unadulterated materialism, I seem to be entering a new phase of my existence. I'm not quite sure how to describe the change. It is not as... materialistic... as materialism, but nor is it as noble and ethereal as spiritualism. Perhaps I could call it "unclutterism" or "unclutterism", because that in essence is what this is all about. On my journey through life I've accumulated an awful lot of excess baggage. Apparently the time has come to offload, to divest myself of more than a few uninteresting interests.

The logical place to initiate my campaign was the kitchen "junk" drawer. No doubt everyone has a similar hideaway for all those where-on-earth-does-this-belong objects. It's satisfying to have a designated location to shove them "temporarily", but it's even more satisfying to weed out most of the objects.

To my pleasant surprise, I enjoyed an immense sense of release as broken pencil stubs, varying lengths of string, bent nails, lockless keys, forgotten dry-cleaning receipts, monogrammed but empty match books, and other such paraphernalia disappeared into the

## A material purge

garbage. As I admired the drawer's new pristine tidiness, I vowed that nothing would happen to change this condition. From now on we would all live tidier lives. This may have been the only official junk drawer in the house, but there were lots of unofficial ones around, and I would unearth and upend them all. Yes, "unclutterism" felt great. I continued my purge into other parts of the house.

With rabid enthusiasm I cleaned out miscellaneous cupboards and shelves, showing no mercy or signs of relent. Some of these out-of-sight-out-of-mind places hadn't been disturbed in years. Glee-filled I fed the garbage a generous diet of outdated papers: TV guides, renewal forms, greeting cards, instruction manuals for equipment we no longer owned, not to mention newspapers and journals whose pages had yellowed with age.

Of course, not everything was disposed of with such a lack of emotion. I considered very seriously whether or not to give away my husband's "How To Improve Your Memory" course, but then allowed my realistic side to overrule. After all, the man had forgotten about the

course five minutes after he had spent a small fortune investing in it; he wouldn't miss it now.

Similarly, the series of self-improvement tapes that we had inherited from a departing expat gave me pause. Should I save them? They might come in handy some day. Finally I decided against it. "Unclutterism" would cure us of our character flaws. Once we got rid of our material burdens, our mental ones would quickly evaporate.

So far I had attacked relatively neutral zones in the house. Now I moved into the private domains of bedrooms and bathrooms. Because my husband and children did not feel quite as strongly about being uncluttered as I did, I thought it best to tackle this territory while everyone was at work or school.

A feeling of wild liberation surged through me as I ruthlessly made piles of give-aways and throw-aways. With hard-earned wisdom, I cleverly left the kids' rooms messy so they wouldn't know I had ransacked them. By the same token, I left my husband's part of the bedroom impeccably clean. There was no sense in upsetting the man over the slight depletion of his

wardrobe and other personal effects.

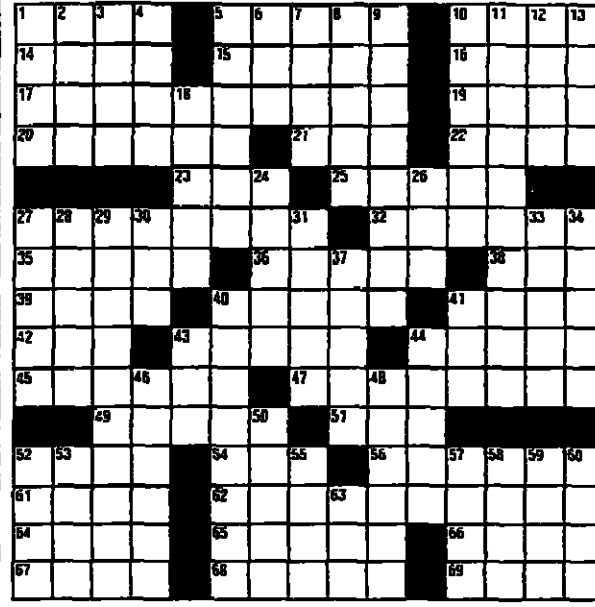
Finally I came to my own worldly possessions, in actuality the main objective of the day's purge. With systematic efficiency, I wistfully discarded all the stylish belts which were now too small for my unstylish waist. The windfall would delight my daughter, to whom I also bequeathed some designer trousers and skirts. Alas, the designer never had my body in mind when he created those chic little items.

By the time I got around to shoes, the pace had slackened noticeably. Admittedly, I had more shoes than one person could possibly ever wear, but now that I had them, I reasoned, and because they were in such excellent condition, wouldn't it be better to hang on to them?

Unfortunately, once this rationale took hold, it became increasingly difficult to dispel it. What's more, as I carefully sifted through my various bits of trivia and treasures, I got caught in the grip of nostalgia. How could I possibly part with all these wonderful memories?

Perhaps I should look at unclutterism with a different viewpoint: instead of getting rid of my past, I would promise myself not to collect any more clutter in the future... or at least only minimal amounts....

## TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
1. Antonym of narrow
  5. Blackmore's Doonee
  10. Heroic
  15. Nuncupative
  16. Zola novel
  17. Wispy-waspy
  19. Half of MCVIII
  20. Blackfoot homes
  21. Bribe
  22. Bone: Comb. form
  23. DDE's opponent
  25. Breezy
  27. Recompensed
  32. French spa
  36. — of mind
  38. The Greatest
  39. Bearded lizard
  40. Rouen room
  41. Svelte
  42. Ga. capital
  43. Lubricated
  44. Societal group
  45. Strata
  47. Mansuved militarily
  49. Former Hungarian premier and family
  51. Blue Eagle org.
  52. Rostrum
  54. School org.
  56. Give support to
  61. Heraldic border
  62. Moon valley
  65. Majors or Minors
  66. Roulette color
  67. Baseball's Willie
  68. Lose a tap
  69. — Domini
  31. Expunged by a redactor
  33. The Four Hundred
  34. Covered with hoarfrost
  37. Stand-in for Stanshish
  40. Son of Aecolus
  41. — Paulo
  43. Part of OPEC
  44. Fastener
  46. Supports for Sargent
  48. Supplanted
  50. Beginning
  53. Song for Domingo
  55. Looped handle
  57. Yemen's capital
  58. Privy to
  59. Integument
  60. Novice
  63. Nebr. neighbor
- DOWN**
1. Habit
  2. Dies —
  3. Moist
  4. North Sea
  5. Ran out, like time
  6. Eggs, to Cato
  7. Edges
  8. Person of prominence
  9. Wherever
  10. Favors with
  11. Chummy
  12. Part of
  13. Spelunker's milieu
  18. Long for
  24. Calyx part
  26. Washington's bill
  27. Majestic
  28. Patti Lupone role
  29. Haphazardly
  30. Motorists' org.

## GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

FIND THE LOSING TRICK!

Both vulnerable. South deals.

**NORTH**  
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 ♣ A 6 2

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 ♦ 9 5 2  
 ♣ K Q 10 3

**EAST**  
 ♠ K 10 5  
 ♥ 10 5 4 3  
 ♦ 7  
 ♣ J 9 8 7 4

**SOUTH**  
 ♠ A J 2  
 ♥ A  
 ♦ A K Q J 10 8 6 4  
 ♣ 5

The bidding:  
 South West North East  
 2 ♦ Pass 2 ♣ Pass  
 3 ♦ Pass 3 ♥ Pass  
 4 NT Pass 5 ♦ Pass  
 6 ♦ Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: King of ♠  
 As the years go by, we like to dwell increasingly on some of our favorite moments of bygone days. This hand, from a rubber bridge game at the Golden Gate Bridge Club in San Francisco some 30 years ago, still brings a smile. Your job is to decide which trick declarer lost while fulfilling his slam, and when he lost it.

We really can't fault the bidding. We were taught at our mother's knee never to put a solid eight-card suit down in dummy—with that type of hand, we declare. In this instance, six hearts might be a better

contract but, as the cards lie, a club lead would have proved fatal.

Move to the top of the class if you decided that declarer lost a club trick, and that he lost it at the very first trick! The declarer was Bob Bruno, now living in New York City. He saw that there was no legitimate way to make his contract, since the opening lead was about to remove his only entry while the heart suit was blocked. So he made the beautiful deceptive play of allowing the king of clubs to win the first trick.

When East signalled encouragingly with a high club at trick one, West, who did not have the foggiest idea about what was going on, innocently led another club. On dummy's ace of clubs declarer jettisoned his ace of hearts. Next came the king-queen of hearts, on which declarer discarded his two spade losers. Now, it was a simple matter to draw trumps and claim the rest of the tricks.



**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:**  
 PEICIS MEAD EDNA  
 ERODIE OSSE POOR  
 GIVES UP THE GHOST  
 SEES NEE DEERES  
 SARD SEEM  
 RESALE CUD EPDS  
 EDC OSCAR GROCE  
 AGHOS TOFACHANCE  
 DAWNS METRE CUR  
 ERAL ABS ASTERS  
 ORNO ONTO  
 STRONG EPI CUII  
 LOOKSLIKEAGHOST  
 ANTE EDEN AERIE  
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By Kate Saunders

WHAT is the meaning of love to you? Is it all about receiving a basket of fresh flowers when there's nothing to celebrate? Or a passionate romp in a hotel miles from anywhere? In the minefield of human emotions it helps to know what love is to you. So try our quiz — and find out!

1. At a party with friends you see an attractive stranger. What do you first notice about him?

- a) His flowing black cape and raven hair.
- b) His bitten fingernails.
- c) His resemblance to the poet...
- d) His brown eyes.

2. Your partner gives you a special birthday surprise. Is it:

- a) A flower, a huge box of chocolates and meal in a candle-lit restaurant?
- b) A present you've previously said you've always wanted — you're not keen on surprises?
- c) A box of books ranging from Shakespeare to Jean-Paul Sartre?
- d) A weekend in a quiet hotel with him?

3. A man you have been out with and are very keen on suddenly reveals he is married. How do you react?

- a) Sigh breathlessly and dream of running away to remote Scandinavia with him.
- b) Bitterly say that you thought it was all too good to be true.
- c) Immediately think of great, tragic lovers of the past.
- d) Your heart plummets and you decide not to see him again.

4. How would you most like to spend a winter evening?

- a) Going to see a romantic,

## What is love?

Is love to you a romantic walk on a moonlit beach or a night of passion in a secluded country hotel. Discover your real attitude to love and romance with our quiz — and find out where you could be going wrong!

weepy film with your partner.

- b) Chatting with work colleagues in a restaurant.
- c) Reading a sentimental novel.
- d) Barbecuing on a deserted beach, with the sea gently rolling in.

5. To cheer yourself up when depressed, are you most likely to:

- a) Wander around the house, sighing and writing heart-breaking episodes in your diary?
- b) Look yourself up in your room with piles of magazines and toffees?
- c) Read or watch a tragic play in which everyone dies?
- d) Pour your heart out to a friend?

6. Where would you prefer to meet the man of your dreams?

- a) On the balcony of a beautiful house during a dance, with you wearing a sumptuous outfit.
- b) On a wildlife safari in Africa.
- c) On the Yorkshire moors where Cathy called out for Heathcliff.
- d) In the gypsy quarter of an ancient Spanish town.

7. Which of these jobs would

your ideal man be likely to have?

- a) A doctor.
- b) Travelling businessman.
- c) A novelist or playwright.
- d) Any job — it wouldn't matter.

8. Which quality do you value most in a relationship?

- a) Loyalty.
- b) Integrity.
- c) Imagination.
- d) Companionship.

9. Which book would you prefer for bedtime reading?

- a) A Barbara Cartland romance.
- b) Anything about Quantum physics.
- c) A Russian novel.
- d) A true-life saga of daring adventure.

10. Which of these ads in a lonely hearts column would you reply to?

- a) Cinderella — I'm your Prince Charming.
- b) Friendly person sought to join trips to the opera — no strings attached.
- c) Tall dark philosophy student seeks friend to read poetry with.
- d) "If music be the food of love" — let's go and listen to Vivaldi.

11. Who is your best friend?

- a) A girlfriend you went to

school with.

- b) Your cat.
- c) Your favourite author — through reading their books.
- d) One or two platonic male friends.

12. Which of these TV programmes would you most like to watch?

- a) A block busting mini-series about a family dynasty.
- b) A news documentary.
- c) A dramatization of a classic novel.
- d) A wildlife film about jaguars.

13. Your dream home would be:

- a) A cottage "deep in the heart of a forest" with friendly cats and deer wandering around.
- b) A 36-roomed mansion amidst rolling hills.
- c) A fairy tale castle.
- d) A large family manor house overlooking the sea.

14. Your partner suggests a trip up the Amazon to collect a rare type of frog. Do you:

- a) Imagine yourself floating along a equatorial river, wearing a white dress, in a canoe rowed by handsome natives?
- b) Complain?
- c) Leap at the chance and swot up on frog behaviourism?
- d) Say you don't care where you go as long as it's with him?

15. The time has come for the parting of the ways. What is the best way to finish off?

- a) Sobbing over a white orchid left on the kitchen table.
- b) Just a quick telephone call — you never get too involved anyway.
- c) He reads Macbeth aloud on a final trip.
- d) A frank discussion with neither side having any regrets.

## THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



B.C.

By Johnny Hart



## YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)



Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)



Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan 19)

Today you will be better able to face up to the facts. You will know better than of late how to cope with the situation. Some changes you have introduced recently will now prove effective. Be sincere.

You should not neglect some small cold or other infection. You should try to be just a little more realistic. You will be able to learn the lesson of experience. Be fair.

You should not underestimate the difficulties, but there is no reason to exaggerate them either. You should not try to do anything that would restrict your freedom of action. Look on the bright side of the situation. Be resourceful.

The prospects in general are better but there is still every need for care. You should try to look on the bright and positive side. Do your utmost not to get on other people's nerves. Be pertinent.



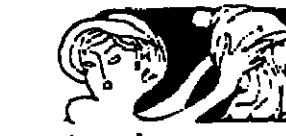
Taurus (April 19 - May 19)



Leo (July 22 - Aug. 21)



Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)



Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

You should try to spend a little time on your own thinking about the situation. You should make a few more allowances for others. Do not become too annoyed with yourself. Be moderate.

Others will be better disposed towards you than they have been of late. A problem which you had thought was easy will not be solvable right away, but you should not allow it to get you down. You should do your utmost to keep your wits about you. Be more tolerant.

You will be better able to face up to the real situation you are in. You should do your best to avoid spending more than you can easily afford. Try to rid yourself of some preconceptions. Be consistent.

You will find it easier to overcome an obstacle than you had at first feared. Do your best to rid yourself of some resentments and jealousies. Make sure you do not put your health at risk. Be prompt.



Gemini (May 20 - June 20)



Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21)



Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)



Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 19)

Today will be a rather tiring and also quite satisfying day. You will be able to stop doing something you would have regretted before it is too late. Listen more closely to what others are saying. Be polite.

A question that you have been neglecting will have to be dealt with without further delay. You should however avoid doing anything on the spur of the moment. Make sure you read again what you have written before you send it. Be patient.

The Moon's better influence will help you to face up to the situation you are in. You will be able to play your proper part in a joint venture. You should not have too many late nights or drink to excess. Be realistic.

You will be a little disappointed by what you find when you get to your destination. You should make sure you do not lose faith in yourself or your abilities. Do not think that love grows without care and attention. Be lenient.

## Rotary club lifts ban on women members

By Q. Cowdrey

WOMEN are to be allowed to become Rotarians. Rotary International decided last week to change its constitution and end the men-only rule for its 23,900 clubs around the world from July 1.

The change led to predictions of a bitter split among Britain's 61,000 Rotarians.

It is binding on the 1,560 British clubs, the first of which was

formed in 1911, but they will retain their traditional right to select members — male or female — as they wish.

Mike Gillam, deputy secretary of Rotary International's British and Irish section, predicted a "mixed reaction" among British Rotarians but firmly ruled out the chance of any rebellion.

He said: "It would be a very bold man who would guess what ripples this is going to cause, but,

plainly, some Rotarians are going to object after being only in the company of men at their meetings for all these years.

"But individual clubs will still retain their autonomy in choosing members and women will not be able to press for arbitration in disputed cases."

Other leading Rotarians were more outspoken in their forecasts, predicting rows in clubs.

"The clubs started as men's organisations and a lot of us are going to take a long time to get used to the idea of women joining them," said Bill Huntley, 60, a former president of British and Irish section who is shortly to become a Rotary International director.

He thought British clubs would fight a much stronger rear-guard action than their counterparts in other developed countries.



# Sixty-seven operations and only nine years old

By Jo Mears

**BRAVE** Kirsty Lawson has undergone an incredible 67 operations. She spent the first two years of her life in hospital because she was born with her heart on the wrong side, a hole in the gut, a deformed right lung and a malformed ear and one ear missing.

To top all that, at three years old her spine began to curve, and at eight she had to undergo a life-saving operation to correct a bowel problem.

But despite years of pain, nine-year-old Kirsty stays bright and bubbly and manages to continue an active life riding, dancing and cycling. And as a tribute to her bravery she was recently awarded The Girl Guides Star of Merit. The Barnardo's Award for Triumph over Adversity, and TV's Children of Courage award.

Kirsty, from The Isle of Sheppey, Kent, in the UK says: "It was great to receive so many awards, but really all this is normal for me. I'm used to going in and out of hospital — I've never known anything else."

And the head teacher of her school at Gad's Hill Place, Higham, Kent, Betty Newcomb, adds: "Kirsty is never grumpy or miserable and has the courage of a lion. When she returns to school after her operations, her first reaction is always to get about catching up on the work she has missed. She really has remarkable qualities."

## Problems

For the Lawson family — mum Brenda, 50, dad Douglas, 50, and sister Sara, 20 — Kirsty's latest operation on the bowel was the most traumatic.

Brenda recalls: "We were told it was really quite a serious and tricky operation and were warned we might lose her. It was the first time we really had to face the fact she might die."

"But even every anaesthetic is an unknown quantity. The thing

I hate doing most in the world is signing the consent forms."

But Brave Kirsty made it through the difficult operation and is battling back to fitness, just as she has done so many times before.

Kirsty's problems began shortly after birth. Brenda recalls: "I had two tests and scan before Kirsty was born but none of them revealed anything was wrong."

"But after she was born a doctor soon discovered that the top part of her gut was blocked, some of it was missing and her windpipe had two holes in it. She was whisked off to Great Ormond Street Hospital, London, straightaway. I didn't even see her until she was three-and-a-half weeks old."

"The first thing they did for Kirsty was give her a gastrostomy — a tube was inserted into her stomach to feed her. Then they sorted out her throat — they tried to close the gaps but it kept on pulling apart again so they had to do it four times in the end."

"Every time we returned to hospital they seemed to find something else wrong with her. Her heart was on the wrongside, but although it had a few kinks in unusual places, the blood was circulating properly."

"Her right lung wasn't formed properly and was linked to the windpipe and full of fluid, so it had to be removed. She also had two thumbs on one hand so one had to be amputated."

"But the holes in the throat were the major problem, because if they weren't corrected she couldn't eat properly."

At 22-months old little Kirsty came home for good. Brenda says: "It was great to get her home at last. Up until then all she had known was hospital life. I was only able to visit her twice a week because parents weren't allowed to live in the hospital."

Kirsty's gut problems continued until she was eight when she had her last operation.

Brenda adds: "It is only really since then that she has been able

to eat what she likes. Before she found it very difficult to eat heavy food like meat. But now she just loves tucking into toast, which she wasn't able to do before."

Kirsty's other childhood operations include two delicate ear operations — she was born with no right ear and her left one had no opening. An opening was made in the left ear and an eardrum formed and she is now able to hear with the help of a hearing aid.

Brenda says: "At five years old Kirsty only had a vocabulary of 10 words, but thanks to a speech therapist, her speech improved considerably."

## Endure

At four years old Kirsty also had to endure wearing an uncomfortable brace because a curve was beginning to develop in her spine.

Brenda recalls: "But by the time she was six the curve had got so bad she needed a spinal operation. They took some slices out of her backbone to make it more flexible. It straightened her back for a while but she had to have the operation repeated again when she was eight."

Then just as Kirsty was recovering from this long catalogue of operations, disaster struck again just before Christmas 1987. Kirsty started haemorrhaging and had to be rushed to Great Ormond Street Hospital.

Brenda says: "It took the doctors a week to find out what was wrong with her. Finally they discovered she had a very rare disorder of which there were only 87 known cases worldwide. She had a group of malformed blood vessels which were growing internally and some of the bowel had to be removed."

"The operation was a great success and the doctors were very pleased with the results."

Since operation number 67 Kirsty has been doing well. But over the past eighteen months she has missed a total of 12 mon-



Kirsty Lawson recovers in hospital after her latest operation.

ths off school. "She really hates missing school and can't wait to get back to see her friends. Being ill all the time can be a lonely experience. But she has a

naturally bubbly and cheerful personality so she's soon back on top form."

And her head teacher, Betty Newcomb, will second that. She says: "Kirsty has such courage.

She always makes light of her problems at school. She comes back after her operations as if nothing has happened. She hates fuss and just wants to be treated like everyone else."

# Painting with his mouth and feet

By Ktima Heathcote

**ARTIST** Tom Yendell has just held his first exhibition, and there is a secret about why most of his pictures are in watercolours and only a few in charcoal: Tom doesn't like the taste of charcoal.

As he usually paints with his mouth — he has no arms — he prefers the flavour of a paintbrush.

But the 27-year-old also does his skillful charcoal studies using his feet. And the result is always a beautiful work of art.

Tom, rapidly becoming one of Britain's most sought after artists, is a thalidomide victim. Not that he lets that little detail affect his life. For as well as painting delicate pictures of flowers and domestic scenes with his mouth and feet, Tom also drives a car, cooks and does do-it-yourself work around the home better than many men with a strong pair of arms.

Last year he was commissioned to paint the cover of a Christmas card for His Royal Highness Prince Charles, the Prince of Wales. He recalls: "It was a great honour. I would like to do some more work like that."

Tom, who is married to packaging designer Lucy, aged 22, explains: "I don't see myself as disabled. Everything I want to do, I do."

"I will never let anything get in the way of enjoying and living my life to the full."

This first exhibition of Tom's subtle art is a milestone in his life. Ever since he was a little boy Tom has set himself many goals and scored every time.

Art lovers come in their droves to admire Tom's work at his studio in Seaford, East Sussex. He says: "The exhibition is something I've always wanted to do. It took about two months to put together and I'm pleased with the result."

## Fascinating

As a student member of the Mouth and Foot Painting Association, Tom cannot sell privately, but people's praise was enough for this modest man.

He explains: "The idea was to get the public in so they could watch me at work and there was a terrific response."

But Tom's biggest fan will always be Sigi the kitten. Each day the little cat sits and watches her master at work for hours.

He says: "I think she finds the painting fascinating. Often she tries to help out by grabbing the paintbrush. She is an inspiration to me and a great companion."



Tom Yendell, a thalidomide victim does his skillful pictures using either his mouth or feet.

Tom has painted all his life using his feet and mouth. He was born in Winchester where he went to able-bodied schools before attending a special school for handicapped children in Alton, Hampshire. It was there that Tom's artistic talents were nurtured by his art teacher.

"Art was the only subject I was any good at and my teacher

nology and Art and then went to gain a art degree at Brighton Polytechnic.

His favourite after dinner party story is when he was playing at the seaside as a little boy. He explains: "A boy came up to me while I was playing in the sand and said, 'Where are your arms?'"

"But," adds Tom with a hearty chuckle, "he soon ran

**A thalidomide victim, Tom Yendell has just staged his first brilliant art exhibition, in the UK. Some pictures are delicate studies in watercolour... only because he hates the taste of charcoal.**

encouraged me all the way," he says. "He taught me such a lot and I can't thank him enough."

After school Tom studied art at Hastings College of Tech-

away screaming to his mother when I told him they were at home under the bed."

It seems nothing is too much for Tom and his level-headed



Yendell with one of his paintings.

approach to life has proved to be a winning formula. He passed his driving test first time in a specially adapted car at the age of 18 and he taught himself how to swim. He loves photography, does most of the cooking and has helped Lucy renovate their rambling cottage.

Tom's battle to win against all the odds has won many hearts and in 1986 he gained the Rehabilitation Man of the Year Award.

His fine works of art also caught the eye of experts working for the Mouth and Foot Painting Association and three years ago he joined as a student. There are only nine students and 11 members throughout Britain and much of Tom's work is used for the organisation's special Christmas cards and wrapping paper.

Tom, who met Lucy at Brighton Polytechnic, is brimming full of projects for the future — and children are high on the list. He says with a glint in his eye: "We would love lots and lots of them. We have even bought a huge kitchen table to fit them all around!"

Next plan is to build their dream home. Tom says: "Some people are very bitter about their handicap, but I don't see the point. You can't change what has happened, but you can change the future."

"It's better to use your energy on something constructive. Better to just get on with your life rather than sitting in a corner, feeling sorry for yourself."

# Hans Christian Andersen under fire

By Alan Elner

**ODENSE, Denmark.** (Reuters): A new academic institute aims to reacquaint the world with the macabre side of the much-loved Danish fairy-tale author Hans Christian Andersen.

"On one hand, Andersen is possibly the most read author in the world. He is known in every country and by every social class," said Johan de Mylius, head of the Andersen Centre at the University of Odense in the town where the writer was born in 1805.

"On the other hand, he is almost entirely unknown because only a tiny fraction of his work is still read today and that, mistakenly, is given to children," he said.

Most Andersen editions contain only about a dozen of his 156 fairy tales. His six novels and numerous plays and travelogues are almost totally unknown.

Opened last year, the Andersen Centre wants to change that by reviving interest in the huge body of Andersen's forgotten writings and by encouraging study of the deeper themes in his apparently innocent fairy tales.

"Many of the fairy tales are only understandable for adults. They raise moral and philosophical issues that no child could make sense of," De Mylius said.

"They are packed full with mystical and religious themes and deal with difficult issues such as pain, suffering and death which our modern society prefers not to confront," he said.

Students from the United States, Japan and West Germany took courses at the centre last year. Chinese and Bulgarian students are among those registered for 1989.

Andersen's 10 or 15 best-known classics have been translated into 80 languages. New editions are constantly appearing and millions of children world-wide know stories like "The Ugly Duckling" and "The Emperor's New Clothes".

But De Mylius said many of the translations were poor, disturbing aspects of the stories were edited out, morals were altered and happy endings were often manufactured.

Even good translations often failed to transmit Andersen's imaginative use of language with all its irony and word play. De Mylius described it as "word music."

Ironically, Andersen the man has overshadowed Ander-

sen's work. Andersen is myriads of books describing his humble birth as the son of a penniless cobbler and the unrequited loves of his life, there is not, a single serious textual analysis of the fairy tales even in Danish.

In a 1950s Hollywood film, Danny Kaye depicted Andersen as an innocent child of nature constantly gathering children around him to sing them songs and tell them delightful stories.

But many of the stories are far from delightful.

"The Little Mermaid," whose statue overlooking Copenhagen harbour has become a symbol for Denmark's tourism industry, is probably the most-photographed image in Scandinavia.

But how many people remember the chilling story of the beautiful mermaid who allows her tongue to be cut out by a witch and suffers constant mute pain in an ultimately vain attempt to win the love of a human?

Death and suffering are constant themes in the fairy tales.

In "The Wild Swans" a princess has to knit shirts out of stinging nettles to rescue her brothers, who have been transformed into swans by an evil queen. She too has to suffer her pain in silence until the task is done.

One of the most macabre tales is "The Red Shoes." A pauper girl is punished for going to church wearing a pair of red shoes. The shoes take on a life of their own, forcing the girl to dance and dance.

She meets an angel and appeals for mercy, but he says:

"You shall dance in your red shoes until you become pale and thin. Dance until the skin on your face turns yellow and clings to your bones as if you were a skeleton. Dance you shall from door to door, and when you pass a house where proud and vain children live, there you shall knock on the door so that they will see you and fear your fate. Dance, you shall dance... dance."

Even when an executioner chops off her feet, the spell is not lifted. Finally, she finds redemption through death and her soul floats up to god in a beam of light.

According to De Mylius, modern society has tried to edit death out of life.

"We don't want to realise that there are things called old age, death, decay. They are pushed away and hidden in institutions. One doesn't ever see a dead person any more, only a nailed-down coffin," he said.

# The facts of life — what children say

By Alan Graham

**WHEN** children are not given proper sex education they come up with some weird and wonderful ideas about what sex is all about.

"Pregnancy? That's a night-club in New York," said a nine-year-old American girl.

For an Australian girl aged seven pregnancy meant "when you don't smoke or drink."

And according to a five-year-old English boy it was "a German word for 'Be quiet'."

And youngsters' definitions of conception ranged from "not just a washing powder but a fluoride" to "telling the future" and "it's when you're knocked unconscious."

Professor Ronald Goldman and his wife Juliette found some hilarious and often startling replies to their questions during interviews they had with more than 2,000 schoolchildren aged from five to 15 in Britain, Australia, USA, Canada and Sweden.

Most children up to the age of 11, they discovered, believed babies were born by Caesarian section because they could think of no aperture wide enough in the mother's body from which a baby could be born.

Many believed that a seed or miniature baby was somehow implanted in the mother, who was seen as some kind of extra fast microwave oven.

But the research now published in the new book *Show Me Yours — What Children Think About Sex*, had a serious purpose: to highlight the need for parents to give their children honest information about sex.

Professor Goldman, of La Trobe University in Australia, says: "In the absence of accurate information, children invent their own version of the facts of life."

"Our aim has been to provide some guidelines to parents, teachers and educators so that they can be helped to understand and handle child sexuality."

Refusal to answer children's questions about sex can result in bewilderment, anxiety and guilt at adolescence. Parents should be open and honest with their children on sexual matters if they are to prevent traumas like early pregnancies and sexually transmitted diseases in their children's grow-up.

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The interviews show that while most children are aware of sex from an early age, many of them are not aware of the facts of life. For instance, one child told the authors that the mother's belly button was a peephole through which the unborn baby could watch television.

Another said there were three sexes — the male sex, female sex and insects. And a seven-year-old Canadian boy maintained: "She's too thin to have a baby. You've got to be very fat before the doctor will let you have one."

A surprising number of children in all the countries covered believed babies were "manufactured" in hospital, several thinking they were made from the recycled hair, skin, bones and teeth of people who had died in the hospital. One child believed the father went out and bought arms and legs "then put all the bits together in his workshop."

Another believed all babies start as girls, then some were changed into boys "when the doctor gives it to them in their milk."

A large number of the children questioned believed babies came out of the mother's navel, though one seven-year-old English girl had this romantic notion: "Babies come from heaven like little stars in the sky. The stars come down into the mother's mouth when she is asleep. The mother swallows the stars into her tummy and they grow into a baby."

Despite the popularity of the Caesarian section among children, one five-year-old boy said a

baby came out through the nose. "Some people have big noses," he said, "and when the mum breathes hard it comes out there. I think it's all to do with noses and things."

Then there was the nine-year-old who thought the baby was born through the mouth after the mother had been operated on with a stomach pump.

The authors say the most disturbing thing they found was the secrecy about sexual intercourse, sexual organs and body changes at puberty. Many parents, they write, attempt to deny their children's sexuality in order to preserve "children's innocence" as long as possible, or to avoid embarrassment.

## Inaccurate

This resulted in most children picking up information — often misleading or inaccurate — from playmates, radio and TV programmes and encyclopaedias. One American boy, aged 11, summed up: "It's OK to ask about babies and such, but if I asked about sexual intercourse my father would get really mad and thrash me."

One girl described how she became worried when body hair began to develop when she was 10 years old. She said: "Mom just laughed and said, 'Now you're growing up,' but I didn't know what she meant."

Few parents and teachers seem to think it is important to prepare children for changes in their body at puberty, yet this can be a time of great worry and unhappiness for children.

A 13-year-old girl told the interviewer: "My mum said to my aunt one day, when I was in the next room and the door was open, that I was a slow developer. I got really worried. I thought it was my brain or something and that I was going to be a right moron."

A 15-year-old girl remembered being told at school by a well meaning teacher that she was an "early developer". The girl said: "She said I could have babies sooner and I got into a panic thinking I was going to have one soon. I was about ten at the time."

The survey showed that parents tended not to understand that their children's sexuality began a lot earlier than they thought. The book quotes Australian research which showed that 64 per cent of males and 58 per cent of females reported that before the age of 12 they had had sexual experiences with other children. Two in three said this included kissing in a sexual way and in 87 per cent of the cases it involved displaying the sex organs.

Professor Goldman and his wife point out that there is nothing "immoral or wicked" about children exploring their own sexuality.

They write: "No child is exactly the same as another. Each is a unique combination of physical inheritance and interactions with the environment which between them stimulate intellectual, social and other behaviour. Sexuality is no different."

"Our researches showed the wide variations in sexual development during infancy and childhood, the speed of growth and the fact that some children are early and others late developers."

"While most children display an early interest in sexual matters, there are some for whom such interest is of little consequence. Most children explore sexuality through games with friends, but there are others who seem to exhibit no such curiosity."

"Some children — like some adults — possess a stronger sexual drive than others."

Professor Goldman and his wife urge that parents watch their children's sexual development closely. And that they be prepared to answer any questions — and answer them fully and frankly — at any time to avoid problems later, even if the parents themselves find it embarrassing at first.



"Since she got her new teeth, she's put on 60 pounds."



# BUSINESS & FINANCE

## Toyota sets new annual production record

TOYOTA CITY, Jan 31. Toyota Motor Corporation has announced production, domestic registration, export and overseas operation results for 1988.

Total production for 1988 was 3,968,707 units, up 9.1 per cent from the previous year. This marked a new annual production record. (The previous highest figure was 3,665,622 units in 1985).

Production of passenger cars was 2,982,992 units, a 10.1 per cent increase and production of trucks and buses totalled 985,715, up 6.0 per cent. Overseas production totalled 244,210 units — up 27.0 per cent from the previous year.

**Registration**  
Total domestic registrations for 1988 were 2,120,273 units, a 13.0 per cent increase over the previous year and the seventh consecutive annual increase. It also marked a new annual record. (The previous highest figure was 1,875,711 units in 1987).

Domestic registrations included 1,633,227 passenger cars, an increase of 12.3 per cent over the previous year, and 487,046 trucks and buses, an increase of 15.4 per cent compared to 1987.

Toyota holds a 31.5 per cent share of the total market, up 0.3 per cent from that of a year ago. Total exports for 1988 were 1,815,721 units, up 2.5 per cent from the previous year.

Exports included 1,231,906 passenger cars, a 3.3 per cent increase over the previous year, and 583,815 trucks and buses, up 0.9 per cent from 1987.

## More than 20 arms companies for Iraqi defence show

BAGHDAD, Jan 31. (AP): More than 20 major arms companies from Western Europe, China and the Soviet bloc will take part in the Baghdad defence equipment exhibition scheduled to open April 28, the Al-Itisad business weekly reported today. The exhibition, which is the largest of its kind in Iraq, will be held at the Baghdad International Convention Centre. It is expected to attract a large number of foreign buyers and suppliers.

**Supplier**  
France was Iraq's second biggest arms supplier after the Soviet Union during the eight-year-old war with Iran before fighting halted with a United Nations-sponsored ceasefire on Aug 20.

The weekly quoted Industry Minister Hussein Kamel as saying the five-day exhibition will "provide the opportunity for all concerned to become acquainted with technical developments in this field."

It will also allow Iraqi companies to expand their links with foreign defence manufacturers to boost Iraq's military industry, he said.

Iraq has claimed to build its own long-range missiles, which were used against Iranian cities during the war, and is seeking to develop its own arms industry. Baghdad is believed to be co-operating with Argentina to develop a new missile.

## Saudis aim for self-sufficiency in barley

NICOSIA, Jan 31. (Reuters): Saudi Arabia, one of the world's biggest barley importers, will probably be self-sufficient in barley from next year, the Saudi Agriculture Ministry said.

A statement, issued by the official Saudi Press Agency (SPA) late yesterday, said a decision earlier this month to scrap subsidies to private barley importers was aimed at benefiting local consumers.

The ministry confirmed it had eliminated a 100-riyal (\$26.6) per tonne subsidy for Saudi importers.

It said a government agency was now importing barley and selling it to consumers at subsidised prices, lower than those offered by the traders. Merchants had ignored repeated government appeals to reduce prices to the public, the ministry said.

**Response**  
Barley prices in the kingdom had shot up to 33 riyals (about \$9) per 50 kg bag before the government started selling for 20 riyals (about \$5), it added. SPA said the statement was in response to a Reuters story on Friday which reported the government measures and said they had upset and confused the trade.

## Kuwait will continue to strengthen downstream marketing interests

## Oil price will reach \$18 a barrel: Sheikh Ali

LONDON, Jan 31. (KUNA): Kuwait's Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Khalifa has predicted that oil prices would rise to about \$18 a barrel this year or next, and to stay at that level for three or four years.

Looking at the overall oil market, Sheikh Ali said that consumption had been rising faster than predicted in recent years.

In an interview with the British newspaper The Financial Times published today, he re-affirmed that Kuwait would continue to strengthen its international downstream oil marketing interests, already known to consumers in Europe through the Q-8 brand.

**Viable**  
The oil minister indicated that the group would try to consolidate in Europe, expand in some markets and perhaps "quit others if there was no chance of building up a viable market share."

In his remarks made in Kuwait to the paper's correspondent, Sheikh Ali said that "Kuwait would not be deterred from investing in foreign companies by the recent uproar over its purchase of a large stake in British Petroleum (BP)."

The main business daily said that he made clear that Kuwait would not be concerned "about

unpublished or implicit rules when deciding on its investments."

Sheikh Ali was also quoted as saying "we will... act completely above board", but added "the only rules we know are the rules that are published and passed by the appropriate authorities."

**Repetition**  
"BP was a special situation because of the flotation and if a chance of a repetition occurs we will do it, unless there is specifically a law to prevent us from doing it," the oil minister added.

He emphasised that Kuwait did not seek political controversy, but would not avoid it if a good investment opportunity arose.

As for BP, Kuwait would not have sold its stake without a profit for the Kuwait Investment Office (KIO).

Last year the KIO was ordered by Britain to cut its holding in BP to 9.9 per cent from 21.7 per cent and a subsequent buyback arrangement left Kuwait with a handsome profit, and cost BP \$2.4 billion.

Kuwait underlined at that time it bought the BP shares as a long-term investment.

Reuter adds: In another development oil ministers from powerful Saudi Arabia and three



Sheikh Ali Khalifa

other OPEC producers are examining ways OPEC can prop up world prices, including the unusual measure of calling the heads of state from all 13 members nations to meet later this year.

### Plan

OPEC ministers from Saudi Arabia, Venezuela, Iraq and Ecuador, along with OPEC Secretary-General Subroto, were scheduled to hold an informal meeting this afternoon at a seaside resort outside Caracas.

The ministers also plan to attend the Thursday inauguration of Venezuelan President-elect Carlos Andres Perez.

Perez, who has repeatedly urged OPEC to hold a summit meeting, was Venezuela's President in 1975 when OPEC held an historic meeting of heads of state from all 13 members.

Iraqi Oil Minister Issam Abdul-Rahim Al Chalabi told reporters when he arrived in Caracas on Monday evening that Iraqi President Saddam Hussein also favoured the idea of a summit meeting.

Al Chalabi said the Iraqi President had already proposed that such a meeting be held in the second half of 1989.

"Iraq supported the idea... and we proposed that this meeting be held during the second half of this year after preparations being made by the ministers of oil of the OPEC countries," Al Chalabi said.

Ecuadorian Oil Minister Diego Tamariz said that his nation also supported having an OPEC summit meeting.

However, Saudi Energy Minister Hisham Nazer who also arrived in Caracas yesterday, cautioned that "there are lots of details to be worked out" before a summit meeting could be held. Saudi Arabia is the largest producer within OPEC with an output quota of 4.5 million barrels per day.

Meanwhile, Oman's Oil Mini-

ster Said Bin Ahmed Al Shanfari will soon visit several non-OPEC oil producing countries to discuss ways to support oil prices, the official Oman News Agency said today.

Quoting the newspaper, Oman, it said Egypt would be the first stop on Shanfari's tour. It did not say when he planned to go to Cairo or which other non-OPEC countries he might visit.

He visited non-OPEC Soviet Union earlier this month and the newspaper said his planned tour would be a follow-up on his talks in Moscow.

**Drive**  
Non-OPEC Oman has since December led a drive to increase co-ordination between the 13-member Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and non-OPEC oil producers.

Experts from non-OPEC countries agreed to recommend "necessary co-operative measures" to their governments after meeting officials from OPEC countries last week in London.

Shanfari told the Oman newspaper yesterday that non-OPEC members may be asked to freeze or cut oil output to help raise prices at a second meeting with OPEC countries for which a date would be set later.

## Trade issue is likely to be a big issue

## Bush-Takeshita get-acquainted talks set for Thursday

WASHINGTON, Jan 31. (Reuters): The first major foreign leader to meet newly-installed President Bush will be Japanese Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita, who comes to the White House on Thursday for talks on trade and other sensitive issues.

The timing of Takeshita's visit, less than two weeks after Bush was sworn in, underscores the importance both countries place in their ties.

A State Department Asia expert said the chief US aim in the White House talks would be to reaffirm that "one of the most important bilateral relationships we have with any country in the world" is with Japan.

**Japan**  
Japan watchers say Takeshita, due to arrive in New York today for United Nations talks before flying to Washington, may use his visit to divert attention from a corruption scandal that has eroded his popularity and forced three members of his cabinet from office.

Opposition parties have called on Takeshita to resign.

US government and private experts say the trade issue is likely to be a big topic, as it usually is in such talks.

The US trade deficit of \$135 billion, about half of it with Japan, continues to hamper the American economy.

Bush is expected to press Takeshita to continue Japan's move to open markets to foreign goods, the experts said. The State Department is pleased with progress in this area, even though many in Congress say it has been too slow.

Areas of contention over trade include the nearly closed Japan-



President Bush

ese telecommunications and building construction markets and a distribution system that makes it all but impossible for a foreign product to capture a big share of Japan's market.

**Imposed**  
Trade experts said Takeshita was likely to ask Bush to drop the \$165 million in trade sanctions former President Ronald Reagan imposed two years ago to punish Japan for refusing to open its home market to US-made semiconductors.

Some trade sources say Bush is unlikely to comply, because US businesses insist Japan's market remains inaccessible.

The White House's freedom of action in trade matters with Japan and other US trading partners are largely stripped away by the 1988 trade act.

It lays down a strict procedure for handling suspected unfair trading practices, requiring



Noboru Takeshita

investigations, then negotiations and sanctions only if all other efforts fail.

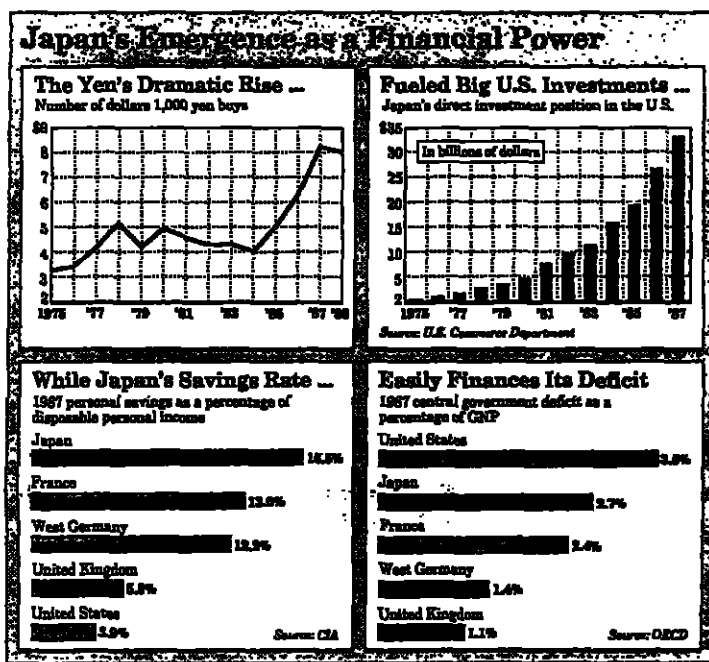
The State Department official said the US side in the talks was likely to praise Japan for increasing its foreign aid with a \$50-billion five-year programme.

Such a move had long been urged by Washington, which argued that Japan, as a global economic power, should do more for poor countries.

**Scheduled**  
US officials expect the American side to press Tokyo to spread more on its military.

Takeshita is to lunch with Bush on Thursday and later in the day is to meet the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Jim Wright, a Texas Democrat.

On Friday, he has tentatively scheduled a brief meeting with Senate Democratic leader George Mitchell before talks at the State Department.



Bush will see Takeshita again when he flies to Tokyo for the Feb 24 funeral of Emperor Hirohito. After stopping in Japan, Bush will visit China and South Korea.

## Work on Iranian petrochemical facilities nearing completion

TEHRAN, Jan 31. (OPECNA): Iran hopes to complete reconstruction work on its various war-damaged petrochemical facilities within five months, according to Ahmad Rahgozar, managing director of the national petrochemical company.

He told reporters yesterday that the Razi petrochemical complex would be the first to resume operations on Feb 11, the anniversary of the Iranian revolution. In the first stage, the complex would produce 1,000 tons each of sulphur and urea fertilizer daily, with 80 per cent of the sulphur production earmarked for export.

**Capacity**  
The Kharg petrochemical complex, with a daily capacity of 400 tons of sulphur, the Abadan petrochemical complex with an annual capacity of 15,000 tons of PVC and the first phase of the Farabi petrochemical plant would become operational between February and May.

In June, Rahgozar said, the second phase of the Farabi complex producing lubricants required by 200 factories across the country would be launched.

He said, at present, Iran was spending 16 per cent of its total foreign exchange income on the import of petrochemicals.

The official disclosed that several major petrochemical projects were under construction, including two complexes at Arak and Tabriz which would respectively produce 300,000 tons and 400,000 tons of different products annually.

## Creditors told to write off debt

CAIRO, Jan 31. (Reuters): Presidents Hosni Mubarak of Egypt and Ibrahim Babangida of Nigeria urged world creditors today to reschedule part of Africa's debts and write off the rest.

"The two leaders agreed it is necessary to reach an arrangement with creditors on scrapping part of the debts and rescheduling the rest to help African countries proceed with their develop-

ment projects," presidential aide Osama Al Baz told reporters after a meeting between the presidents.

"This is necessary not only for the poor but for all African countries," he said.

Egypt's foreign debt is \$43 billion and Nigeria's is \$26 billion. The leaders of the two most populous countries in Africa also discussed bilateral economic ties.

He said around \$2.50 billion would need to be invested in the petrochemical sector in the next five years development plan, but the outlay would begin to pay off in two to three years with the reduction of petrochemical imports, saving the country \$1 billion per year.

Iran and Japan signed a contract to set up a petrochemical complex at Bandar Shahpour — Imam Khomeini port city's old name — in 1973. By 1979, almost 70 per cent of the work had been completed and when the Gulf war broke out, about 80 per cent of the complex had been constructed. However, because of the war and the damage sustained by the complex, the Japanese partners abandoned work.

## World Business Summary

### Trade gap, jobless toll face France with a difficult year

PARIS, Jan 31. (Reuters): France's trade gap in 1983 was the worst for five years and unemployment was also edging up at year's end posing hard choices for the minority socialist government. Official figures yesterday showed the 1988 trade deficit was 33 billion francs (\$5.3 billion), up from 31.5 billion (\$5 billion) in 1987. Unemployment in December was 10.1 per cent of the workforce, better than the 10.4 per cent at the end of 1987 but raising again. Economists said the economy was likely to perform briskly in the first half of the year, but that would be likely to suck in more imports and keep the external balance deep in the red. Prime Minister Michel Rocard's government would have to decide between slowing the economy with politically unpopular interest rate increases or letting it expand to stop jobless figures climbing back to 1987 levels. Gabriel Francois, an economist at Banque Nationale de Paris, said: "We will be obliged to brake the rate of economic growth in order to avoid the situation becoming even worse." Finance Minister Pierre Bergeyev strongly favours lower interest rates to cut industry's borrowing costs as it gears up for the challenge of the single European market which the European Economic Community intends to create in the 1990s. But he had to reverse an easier money policy when the franc came under attack in currency markets on a worsening trade performance and rising world interest rates last summer. Economists noted that Britain and West Germany had now tightened policy to brake growth and damp down inflation.

### Saudi bank's profit surge could signal end to slump

RIYADH, Jan 31. (Reuters): Saudi Arabia's largest joint venture bank said yesterday its 1988 net profit soared by 260 per cent, a sign that the kingdom's bank may have broken out of a five-year slump. Saudi American Bank (SAMB), the first of the country's 12 commercial banks to release 1988 earnings, said in a statement that profits rose to 235.2 million riyals (\$63 million) from 90.1 million riyals (\$24 million) the year before. A SAMBA spokesman said new treasury products and higher international interest rates contributed to the improvement. "The banking sector as a whole is performing better than it was two years ago," he said. In 1987 SAMBA, owned 40 per cent by Citibank and 60 per cent by Saudi shareholders, reported its first increase in net profit in five years. Bankers also expected strong performances from other banks. "Interest rates have been good for all of us," said a banker in Riyadh. "Saudi banks are cash rich, and they have really been helped out in the money market." Since the early 1980s Saudi bank profits have been hit by declining government oil revenues, low interest rates and loan repayment problems.

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Abdulhamid Yousuf Al-Essa Est.

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Foreman for maintenance section diploma in air conditioning with 10 years' experience (8 years in similar position in Kuwait).

Mechanic for maintenance section (5 years' experience in Kuwait).

Contact 4832249, 4813230 & 4816449 between 8 am-12 noon & 4-6 pm for interview.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

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The following employees are advised to contact our Administration Department to settle their residence formalities within two weeks from the date of this announcement. Legal action will be taken against anyone who fails to contact us within the above period, and our Company will be released from any responsibility toward them.

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| 1. Mr. Mohd Arif Ghulam Ali            | — Pakistani |
| 2. Mr. Munower Ahmed Chatia Ghulam     | — Pakistani |
| 3. Mr. Anil Kumar Verma                | — Indian    |
| 4. Mr. N. Vijay Kumar                  | — Indian    |
| 5. Mr. Anifa Thasthager                | — Indian    |
| 6. Mr. Moh'd Aleem Jalal               | — Pakistani |
| 7. Mr. Abdul Gani Abdul Kuthoos        | — Indian    |
| 8. Mr. Manjoli D. Joseph               | — Indian    |
| 9. Mr. Asghar Ali Barakkath Ali        | — Pakistani |
| 10. Mr. Ali Mohd Ali Ibrahim           | — Egyptian  |
| 11. Mr. Ronald Peter Rodrigues         | — Indian    |
| 12. Mr. Khalid Fahmi Jan               | — Pakistani |
| 13. Mr. Mohd Akram Anjam Ghulam        | — Pakistani |
| 14. Mr. Ruzal Nazer Rizk               | — Egyptian  |
| 15. Mr. Fakay Hannawy Adallah          | — Egyptian  |
| 16. Mr. Midhat Mustafa Ahmed           | — Jordanian |
| 17. Mr. Salim Abd Hassan               | — Iraqi     |
| 18. Mr. Moh'd Jaffar Fatheh Khan       | — Pakistani |
| 19. Mr. Awahjany A. Abdul Majeed       | — Egyptian  |
| 20. Mr. Adel Jassim Shiny              | — Iraqi     |
| 21. Mr. Abdul Latif Abdul Razzoq Maqid | — Egyptian  |



LONDON (Alpha Stocks)		
NAME	LAST	CHG
ABBEY LIFE	317.0	0
ADT LTD	136.0	0
ALD LYONS	488.0	0
ARMSTRONG	186.0	0
ARGYLE GP	193.0	0
ASDA GP	153.0	0
BAA	307.0	0
BTR	345.0	0
BAT INDS	556.0	0
BARCLAYS	473.0	0
BASS	918.0	0
BEAZER	211.0	0
BEECHAM	547.0	0
BERLISFORD	413.0	0
BICC PLC	446.0	0
BLUE ARROW	85.0	0
BLUE CIRC	494.0	0
BOD GP	85.51	0
BOOTS CO	254.0	0
BPB INDS	244.0	0
BR CONN	235.0	0
BR AIRWAY	190.0	0
BR AEROSP	528.0	0
BR GAS RG	184.0	0
BR LAND	373.0	0
B.P.	280.0	0
B.P. PP	176.0	0
BR STEEL	77.5	0
BR TELCOM	554.0	0
BURNING OIL	203.0	0
BURTON	203.0	0
CABLESWIR	366.0	0
CADBURYS	393.0	0
CALOR CORP	780.0	0
CRITN R T	04.69	0
COOKSON	310.0	0
COURTAULD	345.0	0
DALGETY	153.4	0
DIXONS	505.0	0
ENG CHINA	551.0	0
ENTER OIL	148.0	0
KCI BARCK	102.0	0
FERRANTI	275.0	0
FISONS	178.0	0
GATEWAY	959.0	0
GEN ACCID	220.0	0
GEN ELEC	205.0	0
GLAXO	376.0	0
GRANDA	167.0	0
GLOBE	311.0	0
GLYNED	211.0	0
GUARD RYL	351.0	0
GKN	396.0	0
GUTHRISS	187.0	0
HANSON	178.0	0
HARRIS C	695.0	0
HUKER SID	648.0	0
HILLSDOWN	278.0	0
ICI	148.0	0

World Indices				
INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS	PREV-OR	PREV-YR
FT 300 ORD	1673.4	1672.6	1638.9	1455.3
FT 500 SHR	1148.7	1148.7	1104.0	1008.8
FT ALL INR	1051.10	1051.10	1034.11	926.59
FT GOV SEC	88.57	88.57	88.78	87.03
FT GOLD NW	170.6	170.6	173.9	161.9
FT MINES F	627.43	627.43	622.99	565.31
FT OIL	1942.0	1942.0	1903.8	1725.4
FT WLD DGR	144.36	144.13	143.98	139.21
FT WLD STG	122.43	121.48	120.43	115.30
FT WLD LOC	130.17	129.95	129.10	123.40

### London Stock Market Report

U.K. SHARES OFF HIGHS AS RALLY RUNS OUT OF STEAM

LONDON, JAN 31, REUTER - SHARES RETREATED FROM THEIR HIGHS BY MIDSESSION AS AN EARLY POWERFUL RALLY RAN OUT OF SUPPORT, DEALERS SAID. "IT WAS A CASE OF GOING UP TOO FAR TOO FAST THIS MORNING," ONE TRADER COMMENTED.

NORTHERN FOODS WAS ACTIVE WITH SOME 16 MIL SHARES CHANGING HANDS BY 1200 GMT FOR A GAIN OF 2P TO 31P. HAZELWOOD FOODS, UP 9P TO 245P, TOLD REUTERS IT HAD PLACED ITS 3.2 PCT NORTHERN FOODS STAKE WITH A VARIETY OF INSTITUTIONS.

BY 1200 GMT THE FTSE 100 WAS UP 13.4 POINTS TO 2,056.3, BACK FROM THE DAY'S HIGH OF 2,069.4 AT 1112 GMT.

DEALERS DREW A PARALLEL BETWEEN TODAY'S PERFORMANCE AND YESTERDAY'S WHEN THE FTSE 100 INDEX PARED BACK A 66.8 POINT GAIN TO CLOSE 37 POINTS HIGHER. "IT (THE MARKET) AGAIN STARTED OFF STRONGLY ENOUGH BUT THEN SHOWED SIGNS OF FATIGUE," ONE SAID.

BUT THEY SAID SHORTAGES OF STOCK AMONG MARKET MAKERS, AND A DESIRE TO TOP UP WEIGHTINGS FROM SOME INVESTORS WHO WERE SLOW TO JOIN THE NEW YEAR RALLY, WERE UNDERPINNING PRICES.

INSURANCE ISSUES TENDED TO OUTPERFORM THE WIDER MARKET WITH SUN ALLIANCE UP 20P TO 1,132 AND ROYAL 16P HIGHER AT 446P.

ANALYSTS SAID TALK OF SWITCHING INTO RALLY OUT OF COMMERCIAL UNION WAS BOOSTING A SECTOR WHICH HAS LAGGED BEHIND RECENTLY.

### Precious Metals

LONDON, JAN 31, REUTER - GOLD BULLION TRADING WAS QUIET THIS MORNING, HOLDING A NARROW RANGE OF 35 CENTS, WITH OPERATORS CONSOLIDATING THEIR POSITIONS AFTER THE METAL FOUND GOOD SUPPORT AT SESSION LOWS YESTERDAY.

GOLD WAS FIXED AT 394.85 DLR AN OUNCE COMPARED WITH THE OPENING AND PREVIOUS CLOSE OF 394.60/395.10 AND 394.00/394.50 RESPECTIVELY.

DEALERS SAID THIN CONDITIONS PREVAILED IN PRECIOUS METALS WITH NO MAJOR INFLUENCES APPARENT APART FROM THE LATE RECOVERY SEEN IN NEW YORK YESTERDAY. TRADING SHOULD REMAIN SUBDUED AHEAD OF COMEX OPENING, THEY ADDED.

### London Money Market

LONDON, JAN 31, REUTER - U.K. MONEY MARKET RATES STARTED WITH GAINS OF 1/16 POINT, HOWEVER DEALERS NOTED THAT A FIRMER TONE WAS NOT UNUSUAL ON THE LAST DAY OF THE MONTH AND DID NOT REPRESENT A DECISIVE TREND.

AS ONE DEALER EXPLAINED, MANY HOUSES HAVE TO SQUARE THEIR BOOKS AT THE END OF THE MONTH AND MAY HAVE TO BORROW TO COVER SHORT POSITIONS, THEREBY PUSHING UP THE COST OF MONEY.

TIGHT LIQUIDITY CONDITIONS AFTER THE BANK OF ENGLAND ANNOUNCED A ONE BILLION STG SHORTAGE HELPED TO CONFIRM THE STRONGER TONE. THE KEY THREE MONTH INTERBANK RATE WAS QUOTED AT 13-1/16 PCT, UP FROM LAST NIGHT'S 12-1/16 PCT LEVEL.

### Foreign Exchange

DLR	STG	DMK	FFR	OPG
STG 1.7605/15	1.7610/15	1.8630/40	6.3370/90	NOON
DMK 1.8606/8686	3.277/291	3.2830/65	11.1635/1750	NOON
FFR 6.3332/3452	11.1585/1765	339.72/340.3	25.00/03	FIX
SFR 1.5850/5860	2.7921/7954	84.99/85.09	33.205	FIX
HFL 2.1055	3.7085	122.89	7.10163	CLSE
ECU 1.12004	0.636027	2.08854	8.31546	CLSE
SOR 1.30880	0.745543	2.44445	31.01/1989	NOON
YEN 129.35/45	227.81/228.12			
SOR RATE	30/01/1989	OTHERS		

LONDON (Beta Stocks)		
NAME	CLOSE	OPEN
2ND ALLCE	844.0	837.0
600 GROUP	1210.0	1200.0
A-AMER TS	410.0	410.0
A-B-ELECT	430.0	430.0
A.S.V.HLD	215.0	215.0
AAB KENT	91.0	91.0
AAR HLD	322.0	321.0
AARONSON	127.0	127.0
ADDISON	31.4	32.0
ADJUST	160.0	160.0
ALEX WRMK	182.0	183.0
ALEXON	359.0	360.0
ALLD COLL	133.0	133.0
ALLD IR B	265.0	265.0
ALLD LND	138.0	138.0
ALLD PLNT	70.4	70.0
ALLIANCE	960.0	957.0
AMBER DAY	48.4	49.0
AMEC	397.0	396.0
AMER TST	133.4	133.4
AMERSHAM	535.0	534.0
ARI HLTCR	275.0	275.0
AMGLIA TV	232.0	234.0
AMSTRACHER	78.0	79.0
APPLEYARD	430.0	430.0
AVP PLC	143.0	143.0
ASHLEY LA	115.0	114.0
AUS REE A	233.0	232.0
AUST REED	273.0	275.0
AUTO SECS	256.0	256.0
AVDEL PLC	98.6	99.0
AVESCO	329.0	330.0
AVIS RUC	357.0	357.0
AVON RUBB	656.0	653.0
B.W.MILL	223.0	223.0
BAILL JAW	524.0	525.0
BAILL SHI	95.0	95.0
BAIRD (U)	255.0	255.0
BANK TRE	256.0	256.0
BARDON GP	150.0	150.0
BART DEV	193.4	192.0
BAYNES C	28.4	28.0
BBA GROUP	185.0	184.0
BEAR B.WT	2.6	2.6
BEAR BRND	10.4	10.6
BEATTIE J	161.0	161.0
BEJAN GP	189.0	188.0
BELHAVEN	50.0	51.0
BELLWAY	236.0	236.0
BENROSE	242.0	243.0
BENLOCK H	63.0	63.0
BERKELEY	211.0	210.0
BHM GROUP	105.0	106.0
BK OF SCO	103.0	103.0
BLACK LE 2	13.0	13.0
BR GROUP	400.0	400.0
BUNNETT F	126.4	126.0
BOASE HAS	228.0	228.0
BODDINGTH	194.0	195.0
BODY SHOP	543.0	548.0

Morgan Stanley Capital International Indices				
INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS	PREV-OR	PREV-YR
AUSTRALIA	301.0	301.0	300.7	290.3
AUSTRIA	246.5	246.1	246.1	238.8
BELGIUM	455.7	454.6	453.9	435.0
CANADA	392.9	393.5	392.6	367.1
DENMARK	541.9	539.4	541.8	518.9
FRANCE	471.7	474.7	471.0	442.7
GERMANY	209.3	211.4	210.1	207.9
HONG KONG	2278.6	2212.8	2174.5	2029.6
FINLAND	119.8	119.5	119.4	118.1
ITALY	467.4	470.0	473.2	462.4
JAPAN	1478.5	1483.2	1476.8	1420.5
NETHERLANDS	288.7	288.5	287.5	267.5
NEW ZEAL	92.9	92.1	92.9	86.6
NORWAY	676.7	671.2	665.4	576.8
SPAIN	661.9	652.2	648.9	604.8
SWITZER	247.2	245.0	245.4	242.0
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AUSTRIA	246.5	246.1	246.1	238.8
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CANADA	392.9	393.5	392.6	367.1
DENMARK	541.9	539.4	541.8	518.9
FRANCE	471.7	474.7	471.0	442.7
GERMANY	209.3	211.4	210.1	207.9
HONG KONG	2278.6	2212.8	2174.5	2029.6
FINLAND	119.8	119.5	119.4	118.1
ITALY	467.4	470.0	473.2	462.4
JAPAN	1478.5	1483.2	1476.8	1420.5
NETHERLANDS	288.7	288.5	287.5	267.5
NEW ZEAL	92.9	92.1	92.9	86.6
NORWAY	676.7	671.2	665.4	576.8
SPAIN	661.9	652.2	648.9	604.8
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APACHE CP			8/3	8/3	HEML-PAICK		57/5	57/3	PARK ELECT		15/3	15/4	TEXACO		50/6	50/6
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AVERY INT			24/0	24/0	HMSTKE MIN		13/0	13/0	PEGASUS		11/4	11/3	TINKEN		38/1	38/1
AVNET INC			22/4	22/3	HNDY-HARIN		16/6	16/6	PEMINAL		105/6	105/6	TORCHMARK		32/1	32/1
AVON PRODS			21/4	21/3	HOLIDAY C		30/1	29/1	PEMINZOL		79/0	79/1	TOSCO		3/5	3/5
BCE INC			31/0	31/1	HONEY DEPOT		30/5	30/5	PEOPLES EN		20/4	20/3	TOYS R US		38/7	38/7
BELLSOUTH			42/1	42/1	HONEYFED CP		27/3	27/2	PERFICO		39/4	39/3	TRANSCOR		34/2	34/2
BELO CP			25/4	25/5	HONDA MOTR		164/4	165/0	PHILCO DOD		57/0	57/2	TRANSCO EN		38/7	38/7
BETH STEEL			26/6	26/7	HONEYMELL		61/2	61/2	PHILIP MOR		108/4	108/5	TRANSCO EX		6/4	6/4
BEVERLY			7/3	7/2	HOUGHTN MI		36/1	36/3	PHILLIPS PE		20/5	20/5	TRAVELLERS		36/2	36/2
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BOEING CO			62/7	62/6	ILLI PUR CO		20/7	20/6	PRIME CORP		19/3	19/3	UNILEVER		62/6	63/1
BOISE CAS			42/7	42/6	ILLIN 4-08		0	19/4	PRIME INNS		32/6	32/7	UNION CAMP		36/5	36/5
BND IN GLD			0	7/3	INGALL-RW		9/2	9/2	PRINTRICA		23/6	23/7	UNION CARB		28/5	28/5
BORDEN			58/3	57/7	INGRSHL-GA		38/2	38/0	PULTE HNO		11/2	11/2	US SDOE		26/2	26/2
BOWATER			28/6	28/6	JEFF PILOT		32/4	32/4	PUKET SP-L		18/6	18/6	USR CP		32/2	32/2
BR TELECOM			51/4	51/4	JER PU 8-5		0	80/0	PULTE HNO		11/2	11/2	US AIR CP		39/4	39/4
BRIGGS-STR			27/4	27/6	JOHNSON-JNS		36/0	35/7	QUAKER COR		54/5	54/7	VALERO EN		10/1	10/1
BRIST-MYER			46/2	46/1	JOHNSON-STR		91/0	90/3	QUAKER COAT		17/7	17/7	VALLEY IND		1/7	1/7
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CAS NAT GS			14/6	14/7	KLN R D AI		20/7	21/0	RJR NABISC		98/2	98/0	WAMER COR		40/0	40/0
CAT-DOCKE			27/2	27/1	KN RID INS		47/0	47/2	ROCHES G-E		18/0	18/0	WASTE MAN		44/5	44/5
CATERPILL TR			60/6	60/6	KROGER CP		9/3	9/3	ROCKAWAY C		0	15/2	WASH GAS L		25/0	25/0
CB IND			27/0	27/0	LEA RONAL		16/1	16/2	ROCKWELL		21/6	21/5	WENDY INTL		5/7	5/7
CBS			174/0	174/4	LEHMAN		12/2	12/2	ROLLS INDS		31/2	31/1	WEST CO		15/1	15/1
CENTEL CP			62/6	62/6	LEHMAN		20/1	20/3	ROLLING EN		11/6	11/5	WESTINGHOUSE		55/5	55/5
CHAMP INTL			32/3	32/5	LITINCO IN		47/5	47/5	ROLLING IN		17/4	17/5	WICKES CO		7/6	7/6
CHAMP SPA			18/6	18/6	LITTON IND		75/4	75/5	ROMAN CORP		41/4	41/2	WILLIAMS C		33/3	33/3
CHARTER CO			4/2	4/3	LOCKHEED		43/7	43/6	ROYAL DUTCH		59/6	60/1	WILLIAMS E		6/5	6/5
CHASE MAN			31/3	31/3	LOCITTE CP		34/1	34/1	ROXBORIE		27/0	27/0	WILSON		12/4	12/4
CHENED CP			0	34/0	LOEWS CORP		81/4	81/4	RYLAND GRP		20/5	20/4	WOLFE		54/5	54/5
CHENIC BNC			32/7	33/0	LON-METTEL		0	0	RYLAND GRP		20/5	20/4	WORLD CORP		0	0
CHEVRON			49/2	49/7	LONE STAR		30/1	30/0	S DIEG G-E		38/7	39/0	WRIGLEY		38/3	38/3
CHRYSLER			28/6	28/6	LOUES		22/5	22/7	SALOMON		27/4	27/5	WYLE LABS		9/3	9/3
CINB CORP			60/6	60/7	LTV INC		29/1	29/1	SARA LEE		47/5	47/5	XEROX CORP		61/3	62/1
CINR FR CH			8/5	8/5	LUBRIZOL		36/1	36/1	SCOTT PPR		40/2	40/2	ZAPATA		2/7	2/7
CIN MILACR			51/6	51/6	LUBYS CAFS		26/6	26/5	SCOTT PPR		40/2	40/2	ZAYNE CORP		25/0	25/0
CIN CITY ST			40/2	40/2	MALAYSIA F		8/3	8/4	SE BANK CO		23/2	23/2	ZERO		18/2	18/2
CIRCLE K			0	12/5	MGT ASS		0	0								
CITICORP			27/4	27/4	MARIETTA		42/4	42/4								
CLARK EMB			34/2	34/2	MA CO INC		8/4	8/5								
CLOROX			34/0	34/0	MAJOR CARE		14/7	14/7								
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## Gold remains unchanged

## Dollar rises to 4-month highs

LONDON, Jan 31, (Reuters): The dollar shot up to four-month highs in Europe today after signs the United States might tighten its monetary policy to fight inflation.

But money going into dollars could mean less investment in stocks. Shares dropped in early trading on Wall Street and London was knocked off its highs.

The dollar firmed to above 1.87 West German marks and 130 Japanese yen after Alan Greenspan, chairman of the US Federal Reserve (Central Bank), said in testimony to a congressional committee that the United States should err on the side of restrictive policies to lower inflation.

**Remarks**  
Demand for the US currency rose at the market interpreted his remarks as a sign that US interest rates could go higher.

Dealers in Frankfurt said the risk of central bank intervention to curb the dollar's rise had increased.

Greenspan told the Joint Economic Committee the rise in interest rates over the past 10 months was unlikely to lead to a

recession.  
The dollar closed in London at 1.8754 marks and 130.45 yen after finishing yesterday at 1.86 and 129.40.

London share prices, which have soared in recent days, dropped off early highs after Greenspan's comments hit confidence on Wall Street.

**Prices**  
"The fall on Wall Street gave market makers the excuse they needed to push prices lower and get some stock back on their books — and gave investors the excuse they needed to take some profits," one trader in London said.

Traders said there were no outstanding features today but business had tended to be more selective. Although well off the top, prices were still tending to be squeezed higher by shortages of stock among market makers, they noted.

Publishing group REED International stood 16p up at 436 amid rumours of a consortium bid approach for the company. Dealers noted that REED itself has been on the lookout to make a bid for some time and has a

sizable "war chest" of around £550 million.

Reed was not available for comment.

In the same sector Pearson added 14p to 729 on light demand in a very thin market.

British Steel, 1p up at 78, was again the most active issue with over 66 million shares traded. Second most active with 31 million traded was investment trust Cambrian and General. The stock rose 5p to 120p on news it has agreed terms for a raised bid from US company Leucadia National Corp. The new bid values Cambrian at £77.3 million, up from the previous 71.3 million.

**Rights**  
Leucadia and its associates now control shares representing 40.6 per cent of the Cambrian and General voting rights. Cambrian was formerly a vehicle for disgraced US arbitrator Ivan Boesky.

In the same sector GT Management rallied to 181p from the overnight 176p after the Bank of Liechtenstein said it would offer 180p per share for the company. The offer values the whole of GT

at £91.5 million and has been agreed by GT.

Property group Mountleigh ended unchanged on balance at 159p after reporting a fall in pre-tax earnings for the half-year to £24.76 million from 35.41 million. Mountleigh said profits suffered from a reduction in trading activity and a greater emphasis on investment and development.

Banks were very firm in places ahead of the reporting season later this month with National Westminster up 10p to 599.

**Value**

Insurances were firm as the mild winter continued. "January has almost gone and we've got by without a spare of major weather damage claims," one insurance sector analyst said. "January and February are usually the worst months for such claims." Sun Alliance jumped 16p to 1,128 while Commercial Union lost 2p to 384 on switching into other insurers.

Ultramar lost 5p to 305 on profit-taking after the recent speculative rise, despite yesterday's statement that it was aware

that parties have been seeking to form a consortium to make an offer. Ultramar said it would resist any proposal which did not reflect its full value.

BP closed 5p higher at 282 after its shareholders approved the buy-back of 790 million ordinary shares from Kuwait. The shares represent 12 per cent of BP's equity and will cost BP around £2.4 billion.

Retailer WH Smith firmed 3p more to 282 ahead of annual figures tomorrow. Analysts are expecting few surprises, with first half pre-tax profit estimates ranging from £31 to 35 million against 30.2 million previously.

Earlier in the day, Tokyo stocks rose slightly while Hong Kong surged to its third straight post-crash closing high.

Gold bullion ended unchanged at \$394.25 an ounce.

Oil prices were unchanged in quiet trading, dealers said.

North Sea Brent blend, the most widely traded crude, was quoted in late London business around \$16 a barrel. The benchmark US Treasury 30-year bond was quoted in London at 103 per cent, yielding 8.33 per cent.

## Palestinian fruit sale to Europe ends in losses

GAZA, Jan 31, (Reuters): The first direct citrus export from the occupied Gaza Strip to the European Economic Community, hailed as a political breakthrough for Palestinian agriculture, has ended in losses and recriminations.

Palestinian growers say they have not received a penny for the 4,000 tonnes of grapefruit they shipped to the Netherlands last month and may be sued by the Dutch importers to recover unexpected costs.

**Naive**  
Dutch Foreign Minister Hans Van Den Broek gave the fruit a highly political welcome on the quayside in Rotterdam, sipping champagne amid the packing cases.

The Dutch importer said the Gazans were naive and disorganised, but they say they were duped.

"We did not get anything from the first shipment. We were even asked to pay more. The extent of the loss will be \$380,000," said Hashem Ata Shawa, chairman of the Gaza Citrus Growers Union.

Shawa said bad timing — the consignment arrived too late for the lucrative Christmas season — and heavy-handed too late for the lucrative Christmas season — and heavy-handed Israeli security inspections contributed

to the fiasco.  
He said the Gazans were withholding the next scheduled shipment, 13,000 tonnes of Valencia oranges. "We are not willing to export any more at a loss," he said.

Citrus fruit is the main product of the teeming Gaza Strip, home to 650,000 Palestinians, mostly impoverished refugees.

The Gaza producers appealed to the European Economic Community to rescue them, but EEC representative Gwyn Morgan said the executive EEC Commission only established the legal and political framework for the exports.

**Assured**  
"We cannot enter into the details of commercial deals," he said, adding: "Gaza producers have assured me that they are as keen as the community to see the flow of exports continue."

Mario Overkief, the Dutch executive who handled the deal, said it was too early to tell whether the Gaza producers would lose money on the first shipment.

He said 60,000 out of 75,000 boxes of grapefruit had been sold so far, some in Britain, Denmark and Finland, but prices were low because the produce went on the market after Christmas.

"They will get some money,

but before they do the importers must cover their expenses, which are considerable," he said, citing costs for shipping, packing materials, advertising, cold storage and road haulage in Europe.

"We're selling here in a free market and they can't get more than exporters from Florida, Turkey or Jaffa (Israel)."

**Consignment**  
Overkief said the importers were being sued for dead freight by a shipping line whose vessel, sent to the Israeli port of Ashdod to pick up the next consignment, left empty. They would have to recover the money from the Gaza exporters, he said.

But Overkief insisted: "It wasn't a failure. The important thing was to open the market for these people. European distributors were pleased with the quality. It's a start."

Only the Israelis are laughing. A Foreign Ministry official said the debacle showed the EEC drive to force Israel to allow direct exports of Palestinian produce without passing through Israel's Agrexco state marketing company was political and not aimed at the welfare of Gaza.

"The poor exporters would have done better to stick with Agrexco," he said.

## Ministers and bank chiefs to review their handling of world economy

## G-7 must make fresh push for long-term reform

LONDON, Jan 31, (Reuters): The West's financial leaders appear to have won a battle to curb wild currency swings but economists say they must make a fresh push for long-term economic reform if they are to correct stubborn trade imbalances.

Finance ministers and central bank chiefs from the Group of Seven industrial nations will review their handling of the world economy in Washington on Friday and can claim considerable success in stamping out violent exchange rate fluctuations.

**Obsessed**  
But some economists believe international co-operation, which began in earnest with a 1985 pact to depress an overvalued dollar, has become obsessed with monetary policy and must now look more to structural reforms to secure growth.

"The greater the emphasis on monetary policy, the greater the

risk of world recession," said David Mars, European economist at London brokers Warburg Securities.

"Structural adjustments," often involving controversial and far-reaching social changes, have long been stressed by the Group of Seven nations in their communiqués, but economists say progress so far has been disappointingly slow.

Such reforms are recognised as being no quick fix to economic problems, but could gradually boost demand in countries such as Japan and West Germany without fuelling inflation and help correct the growing imbalance in world trade.

**Congratulate**

The Group of Seven nations — the United States, Japan, West Germany, Britain, France, Canada and Italy — will be able to congratulate each other in Washington on strong economic growth last year despite the October 1987 world stock

market crash.  
But 1989 is already proving a more difficult year.

They have contained a powerful dollar rally, but at a cost. Its surge against the West German mark has raised fears of a new bout of inflation and, in conjunction with a tightening of US monetary policy, has forced up interest rates across Europe.

Economists say the Group of Seven's success in pegging the dollar within a relatively narrow band since February 1987 has also helped stall the narrowing of global trade imbalances.

**Surplus**  
Economists estimate West Germany's trade surplus in 1988 totalled about 120 billion marks (\$64 billion) and the Bonn government is projecting a further modest rise this year.

The US deficit has caused increasing alarm on financial markets as figures show the buoyant American economy continuing to suck in imports.

Last November's deficit widened to \$12.51 billion from \$10.26 billion in October.

Economists have few doubts about the ideal scenario for Friday's talks: Europe and Japan will be told of swift action by the new Washington administration to cut the US budget deficit.

That would dampen excess demand in the American economy, help the Federal Reserve ease its tight monetary policy and allow scope for matching cuts in European interest rates.

**Sceptical**

The US Treasury's top international monetary official David Mulford told world businessmen and politicians in Davos at the weekend a budget plan would be unveiled "very, very soon."

European monetary officials are sceptical about early cuts but some are thought to be anxious to shift the focus of public attention away from their management of exchange rates.

The attractiveness of struc-

tural reforms is that they can increase demand and capacity within an economy, improving the outlook for balanced world trade, without fuelling inflation.

The disadvantage is that reforms are often politically difficult, go to the heart of questions of national sovereignty and take time to work through to economic statistics.

**Flexible**

In West Germany, for instance, potential for structural reform centres on more flexible working hours and movement of labour. One of the most controversial issues has been extending strictly-controlled shopping hours.

"You are really talking about social change," said Warburg's Mars. "It has to take place over a number of years and be thought through... but when an economy is doing relatively well, people feel less inclined to change their way of life."

## Bush hopes to spell out plans for savings and loans shortly

WASHINGTON, Jan 31, (AP): President George Bush hopes to spell out plans for dealing with the savings and loan crisis in his Feb 9 address to Congress but might not be ready with details by then, his spokesman said yesterday.

"He'll address it in his speech. I'm not willing to say how specific his speech will be," said Press Secretary Martin Fitzwater.

Fitzwater also said Bush would continue to seek advice from members of Congress despite complaints by White House Chief of Staff John Sununu that lawmakers had leaked discussions of a fee on deposits.

**Important**

"Consultations are a very important part of the process," Fitzwater said. "President Bush has been reaching out to Congress in many forms. We would expect that to continue."

Sununu suggested in a television interview on Sunday that certain members of Congress may have violated the administration's trust in leaking word that the depositor fee was under consideration.

That enabled critics of the plan to seize the initiative and "put the worst foot forward" late last week, Sununu said.

Disclosure that the fee was under consideration caused immediate protests in Washington as well as in the banking and savings and loan industry.

The plan would call for a fee of about \$2.50 for each \$1,000 on deposit in a federally insured savings and loan. The proceeds would go toward the \$100 billion that federal regulators say will be needed to deal with the nation's insolvent savings and loans.

**Savings**

The nation's 3,000 savings and loans are banks that make personal and mortgage loans, while the 13,000 US commercial banks make business loans. Hundreds of savings and loans are in financial difficulties.

Fitzwater said such a fee — which some critics say would violate Bush's no-new-taxes pledge — remains an option under consideration by the administration.

He said the President has been meeting with Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady daily.

## More exchanges planned with E: Germany, Czechoslovakia

## Bilateral trade prospects bright, says Iran

NICOSIA, Jan 31, (AP): Trade between Iran and East Germany will total \$300 million in the next Iranian year, starting March 21, Tehran radio reported yesterday.

The broadcast, monitored in Nicosia, quoted Iranian Industry Minister Gholam Reza Shafai as saying that "trade between the two countries will be on a barter basis."

He told a news conference that Iranian exports to East Germany next year will include 1 million tons of crude oil.

In return, East Germany will help set up a major facility for producing basic materials for the glass and paper industries, the radio said.

**Bright**

Shafai also said after meeting yesterday with visiting Czechoslovakian Prime Minister Ladislav Adamec that bilateral trade prospects were "vast and bright," Tehran television reported.

The broadcast, monitored in Nicosia, quoted Shafai as saying Iran wanted to use Czech industrial expertise in varied areas that included production of cement, tyres, sugar cane and ceramics.

The television quoted Adamec as saying Czechoslovakia was willing to purchase more oil and gas from Iran, but gave no

specific figures.  
The official Islamic Republic News Agency, also monitored in Nicosia, quoted an unidentified Czech embassy official in Tehran as saying that imports from Iran totalled \$92 million in 1987 and comprised oil, mineral ore, dried fruit, hides and footwear.

He said that Czechoslovakian exports to Iran reached \$62 million over the same period, and mostly were machine tools, textile machinery and spare parts for sugar mills constructed by Czechoslovakia in Iran, IRNA said.

Following the Aug 20 UN-mediated ceasefire in the eight-year Iran-Iraq war, Iran has been seeking foreign assistance in rebuilding war-damaged industry but is balancing agreements between Western and East bloc countries.

Trade deals were signed in recent months with Italy, West Germany, Britain and France. They were balanced by other accords with the Soviet Union, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Poland and East Germany.

Meanwhile, Iran's state-owned tanker company yesterday proposed forming a joint tanker fleet along with other Gulf oil-exporting countries, Tehran radio reported.

The broadcast, monitored in

Nicosia, quoted an unnamed senior official as telling a news conference the National Iranian Tanker Company ranks third among world tanker firms.

With 28 tankers whose capacity totals more than 5.5 million tons, the company is biggest oil-shipping outfit among the 13-member Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries, he said.

The official also said the company also operates a number of foreign tankers under charter, the radio said.

The radio gave no details of the Iranian tanker co-operation scheme, which appeared to reflect excess tanker capacity following the Aug 20 ceasefire in

the eight-year Gulf war.

Iraqi air attacks during the war made foreign tankers captains wary of docking at Kharg Island, Iran's main oil outlet.

Iran started shuttling oil from Kharg to Sirri Island, located out of normal range for Iraqi bombers, and also anchored three supertankers there to serve as floating storage facilities.

Eleven Iranian tankers took crude oil from Kharg to Sirri, where foreign tankers loaded up from the floating reservoirs.

In September 1986 Iraqi bombers, refuelling in mid-air, pounded Sirri in an attack that caught Iran off guard. Although the Sirri jetty sustained heavy damage, they stayed in operation.

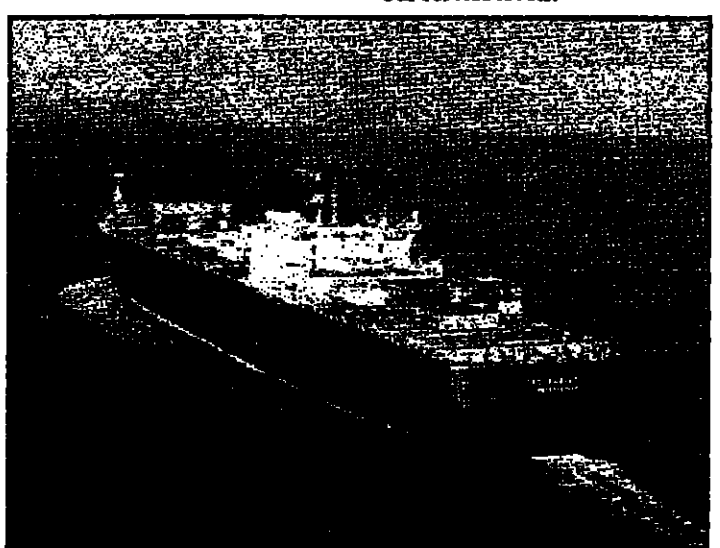
## P and O containers voted Shipping Line of the Year

KUWAIT Maritime and Mercantile Co KSC, (KMMC) has announced that P and O containers have been voted "Shipping Line of the Year" in a ceremony hosted in London last week by the trade magazine "British Shipper and Forwarder."

This is the third time in four years that British exporters have voted P and O top and their Gulf service came in for special praise. P and O chairman Sir Kerry St Johnston said after the ceremony "nobody should assume that an award of this character is earned by anything other than real service and a lot of hard work — not at the top of the company but in its 'engine room' — regionally, overseas and in head office."

Frequent P and O sailings link Kuwait with the UK, Europe, the Far East, Australia and US West Coast, and their ships continued to call directly at Kuwait throughout the war. With their long experience of this trade they are well placed to cater for the future requirements of local importers.

KMMC shipping manager Alastair Roff said "people have come to expect high levels of service from P and O, and this award justifiably reinforces P and O's position as the largest British shipping company. We are strongly committed to the Kuwait market and now have increased incentive to maintain our service levels."



Picture shows one of P and O's modern fleet of third generation container ships.

## New supersonic aircraft may succeed Concorde

SUPERSONIC transportation will continue to have an important commercial role in the 21st century with the likely introduction of a new supersonic aircraft to succeed Concorde, but multinational co-operation may be required to bring the project to fruition predicted Dr Jack Lowe, British Airways general manager operations control, speaking at the Dubai '89 International Aerospace conference yesterday.

In Dr Lowe's opinion: "The next genuine supersonic aircraft will seat between 50 and 100 passengers... This size will allow a very frequent service on the dense routes and a daily service of tens, if not hundreds, of others."

**Step**  
"A possible and indeed likely step towards this is the supersonic corporate jet sized aircraft," he said.

This aircraft could be operated by airlines in parallel with wide-bodied aircraft and cater for part



Dr Jack Lowe

of the existing subsonic first class market, Dr Lowe suggested.

Dr Lowe highlighted that constraints on the development of a new supersonic aircraft included cost, engine design, engine noise limitations, environmental concerns and operational

profitability.  
He suggested that multi-government funding might be required for the research, development and production of the aircraft, but that the project "could be used as the catalyst to improve international co-operation."

**Success**

Commenting on the current status of supersonic travel Dr Lowe pointed to the success of Concorde in demonstrating that supersonic commercial transport is possible on a regular, every day basis: "From British Airways' standpoint Concorde is successful and profitable and is something of which we are all very proud."

"On the London to New York route Concorde is accepted as the normal means of travel for company chiefs, politicians, sports and film personalities."

"The operation is efficient, punctual and offers a premium product."

## WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

SYDNEY, Jan 31, (Reuters): Strong performance by quality shares kept the market buoyant despite fall in gold bullion and adverse economic figures. The All Ordinaries index closed 8.4 up at 1,551.3.

TOKYO: Prices closed mixed on last minute buying after thin trade on worries over the direction of currency levels. The Nikkei index firmed 13.80 to 31,581.30.

HONG KONG: Heavy profit-taking barely dented Hong Kong's bull market run and failed to stop the Hang Seng index galloping to its third consecutive post-crash high. The index rose 36.41 to 3,072.86.

SINGAPORE: Share prices closed mixed after renewed buying interest and short-covering helped them recoup most of some early losses. The Straits Times industrial index closed 1.49 lower at 1,133.32.

BOMBAY: Prices closed mixed on speculative buying in the afternoon after a subdued opening. Sentiment was dampened by a report that this year's government budget deficit would rise.

ZURICH: Shares closed easier on very low volume and brokers said the retreat was due to consolidation after last week's gains.

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ART

Salvador Dali expressed rage against the social order

# Impulses from the dark side of the soul

By Dolores Barclay

NEW YORK, (AP) — The French writer Andre Laugier once described surrealism as the chance encounter of an umbrella and a typewriter on an operating table. Salvador Dali defined the philosophical and artistic movement through his work and through his life, which eventually became a surreal canvas.

From his dreams and from impulses that seeped from the dark side of the soul, Dali expressed his rage against the social order and impishly tweaked the bourgeoisie.

His death last week in his hometown of Figueras, Spain, at the age of 84, ended a life filled with eccentricities and a creative streak that touched the art world like a live grenade. Though few of the original surrealists — who exchanged their revolutionary ideas in Paris cafes in the late 1920s — are still alive, many in the world of art were quick to recognize his loss and his gift.

There was, and will always be, only one Dali — a man with intense, saucer eyes and a mustache that travelled upward to form a bullseye with his cheeks.

"More than any of his contemporaries, Dali painted through the mind's eye," said pop artist Peter Max. "By expanding the boundaries of time and space on canvas, he changed the relationship between art and reality, influencing every artist who followed him. Much of the surrealism in my early work grew out of my admiration for him."

Kirk Varnedoe, director of painting and sculpture at the Museum of Modern Art in New York, called Dali, "a unique figure in modern art."

"Dali's extraordinary theatrical instincts, and the expansion of his career into various commercial realms, redefined the conception of how



Salvador Dali: touched the art world like a live grenade

a modern artist might engage himself with contemporary society," Varnedoe said.

"For those who are concerned with the intermingling in modern art of the scandalous and the playful, or of psychological revelation and gadfly irritation, Dali will always be an exemplary figure."

His images of watery timepieces, melting flesh and disfigured appendages became symbols of irrational expression and insolence for a group of writers, painters and philosophers who had set out to explode the social order.

They included the artists Yves Tanguy, Jean Arp, Joan Miro,

Magritte and Max Ernst, filmmaker Luis Bunuel, and the writers Andre Breton and Paul Eluard.

The Happy Horse, which Dali painted around 1980, showed a hideous purple beast. Dali said it didn't matter whether it was a horse or a cow; the animal was "rotten." And he once created a plaster lion's head with a fried egg in its mouth.

Sometimes in the 1920s, Dali had a dream about a hand crawling with ants. He described the dream to Bunuel, who had had his own encounter with the dark side of his soul: he had dreamed about a razor-like cloud slicing the moon in half.

From the two dreams came the screenplay for the Bunuel movie fantasy, *Un Chien Andalou*, or *An Andalusian Dog*, an irrational series of vignettes that opens with a razor cutting an eyeball.

Dali's artistic genius had evolved from more than one plane: he had journeyed from realism (Basket of Bread) to cubism (Harlequins) to neoclassicism (Venus and Cupid). And when his thoughts turned to money instead of transforming life, the surrealists "excommunicated" him.

During the Spanish civil war in the late 1930s, when surrealism had surely reached its peak, Dali, who supported the fascists,

developed a new appreciation for the renaissance and baroque which began showing in his work (Impression of Africa, Philosophy illuminated). With the outbreak of World War II, he became more classic and he took to painting portraits of women. After the war, his paintings had more religious themes.

"Everything in life leads to one idea," Dali said in an interview in 1963. "At first I was interested in psychoanalysis, then in the theory of relativity and nuclear physics. Now I am obsessed with biology ... molecular structure ... cybernetics ... but everything science is connected by art."

"Scientific people believe in God and realize that matter is only energy. Material things disappear. We live now in a crisis of mysticism. Everything is metaphysical. We are in a new renaissance of religion — and reunification of religions."

In 1949, he gave his first religious painting to the Vatican. "Dali disconcerted superficial minds because he hid truths with light and because he used the dialectic of analogy rather than that of identity," said the artist Georges Mathieu in an interview in Paris. "Dali is more important as a cosmic genius than as a painter."

Throughout his life, Dali moved in a world of symbols, whether canes, crutches, watches or animals. At one time he gave art lectures clad in a diving suit. He also once summed up his personal philosophy in two words: "galateoxyribonucleic acid."

The first four letters formed the name of his wife, Gala. The rest, he said, was DNA — the chemical of which genes are made. To Dali, it was a symbol of immortality.

"All my eccentricities are to prove that I am still alive and immortal," he once said. "With me, it has to be that — death or life."



A British Rail official with some of the works of art that will go on sale.

## Major art collection up for grabs

By Sarah Jane Checkland

The British Rail Pension Fund has announced that it will sell most of its collection of Impressionist paintings at Sotheby's on April 4.

The 26 works include a Blue Period portrait by Picasso

(estimate £4 million), an ink drawing by Van Gogh (£2 million), Monet's "Santa Maria della Salute, Venice" (\$4 million), and Renoir's "La Promenade" (\$5 million). The list also includes six Pissarro's, two Cezannes and two Boudins.

Sotheby's estimate the consignment at between £18 million

and £24 million. In the light of Impressionism's recent performance, this is likely to be improved, but even this modest estimate compares dramatically with the fund's outlay during the late 1970s of £3.5 million. There is unlikely to be a heritage outcry about the sale in the United Kingdom.

## Help for Chinese cultural sites

LOS ANGELES, (UPI) — China and an institute created by a trust led by the late oil magnate J. Paul Getty have signed an unprecedented agreement to work together on the conservation of two of China's most important cultural sites.

Supported by UNESCO, the educational, scientific and cultural organization of the United Nations, the project represents the first major collaboration of its kind between China, a foreign private foundation and a UN agency, officials for the Getty trust and the Chinese government said.

The sites — the ancient rock temples of Mogao grottoes, located on the edge of the Gobi desert in northwestern China, and the Yungang grottoes, 200 miles west of Beijing — are two of China's official national treasures, a designation given only to a small number of the country's thousands of cultural monuments.

Grottoes "The Mogao and Yungang grottoes are the most magnificent storehouses of Buddhist art in the world, with their long history and rich contents," Chinese Consul-General Ma Yuzhen said at a news conference held at the Chinese consulate.

"We are very happy to see that with the support of UNESCO, the Getty conservation institute of the J. Paul Getty Trust has joined our country in the conservation of the two sites," Yuzhen said.

The Mogao grottoes are located near the town of Dunhuang, 1,100 miles west of Beijing, and contain 492 rock temples or caves, the oldest dating from the 4th century. Within them are 484,200 square feet (45,000 sq.m) of wall paintings and more than 2,000 painted clay figures of Buddha.

The Yungang grottoes near Datong, an industrial and coal-mining city in northern China, contain 53 rock temples in a 1,000-yard-long sandstone cliff face that dates from 460 A.D. to 525 A.D. Fifty-one thousand representations of Buddha, ranging in size from miniature bas-reliefs to statues 60 feet (20 m) in height, are carved directly into the rock.

Centuries of rain, wind, earthquakes and now pollution and due to industrialization and urban development have greatly deteriorated the sites and their artwork. The many conservation problems include stone erosion, peeling of paint layers and colour change of paint.

Harold Williams, a spokesman for the Getty trust, said the conservation institute and China's Ministry of Culture have been exploring the possibility of working together since 1986.

In May 1988, at the invitation of the Chinese government, Getty institute representatives made a preliminary visit to China, during which the Mogao and the Yungang grottoes were identified as possible sites for joint conservation projects, Williams said.

Later that year, institute director Luis Monreal and his staff, together with specialists from China's Ministry of Culture, examined the two sites and discussed the specifics of a conservation programme.

The first phase of the conservation project includes scientific research, treatments and the training of specialists and is expected to begin this summer. It is expected to last 18 months.

The Getty Conservation Institute was created in 1982 to enhance the quality of conservation practice world-wide through scientific research, training and documentation.

Other projects undertaken by the institute include its collaboration with the Egyptian government to save the wall paintings in the tomb of Queen Nefertari and to preserve the royal mummies in the Egyptian museum in Cairo, and a pilot project for the conservation of mosaics in Cyprus.

## Floating panorama for Hamburg

By Dieter Dollack

HAMBURG (DaD) — Art records are increasingly being set up in the north German port city of Hamburg, where the "longest art gallery in the world" was opened 18 months ago.

It will be joined this spring by the world's largest floating murals, facing the riverside from the Reeperbahn to the Fischmarkt as part of the internationally-attended celebrations to mark the 800th anniversary of the Port of Hamburg.

### Attraction

The longest art gallery is 93km (58 miles) long and consists of the city's entire underground railway network. Twenty-one women artists, German and international, decorated the exterior of 20 trains — 55 carriages in all — with a wide range of modern art "on the move." The paint has proved unexpectedly hard-wearing. Hamburg's "art trains," sponsored by a newspaper publisher, are still in service.

The latest art record attraction is being sponsored by a number of local firms. They are sharing the DM1.2m cost of decorating one side of the Blohm + Voss dry dock No. 10 with murals depicting



The history of the 800-year-old Port of Hamburg is to be painted along 280 metres of dry dock. Artist Roland Stegemann, whose idea it was, is here seen inspecting the first section of the mural by torch.

ing over 800 years of Hamburg history.

It is the idea — and the handiwork — of Berlin artist Roland C. Stegemann and between six and 10 trained assistants. Work is in progress; the last brushwork is planned for May 7, 1989, the Port of Hamburg's 800th anniversary day.

The floating panorama will be 280 metres (919ft) long and 13.5 metres (44ft 4 in) tall, covering a surface area of 3,400 square metres, or nearly 43,000 square feet. It will be done in waterproof paint and given a synthetic lacquer finish, so with constant care and attention the murals should stay in place for at least

five to seven years.

From left to right the murals will symbolically depict the history of the Port of Hamburg and of shipping from the Vikings, the Crusaders and medieval freighters to whalers and Africa-class cruisers in Kaiser Wilhelm's days.

Freighters past and present

featured include Hanseatic sailing ships, barges, lighters, frigates, power-assisted schooners, paddle steamers, oil tankers and ocean liners. Cranes and other quayside equipment will also be portrayed.

Closer scrutiny will reveal leading personalities from Hamburg history — kings, mayors and captains — and visitors ranging from Nelson to Bismarck. They will be seen on board ships, peering out of bull's eyes, climbing, entering or saluting, the artist says.

All ships in the murals will be festively flagged and readily visible from the north bank, the city side of the River Elbe, from Landungsbrücken to the Fischmarkt. An even better view will be available from on board port launches and steamers, which will run guided tours of the world's largest floating work of art.

## First Gauguin display in 40 years

By Marilyn August

PARIS, (AP) — Some 300 works by Paul Gauguin, the French painter who rejected the comforts of middle-class life to pursue art in the Polynesian wild, have gone on show at the Grand Palais in the first major retrospective of his work in 40 years.

Gauguin, is a 2-million-dollar co-production with the Art Institute of Chicago and the Washington National Gallery of Art, which presented slightly different versions of the show last year.

The French have not had a comprehensive look at Gauguin since 1949, and they have embraced his works wholeheartedly. The show has been billed as the blockbuster art event of the season, drawing some 6,000 visitors daily.

Critics say the highlights are 11 paintings on loan from the Hermitage Museum in Leningrad and Moscow's Pushkin Museum, which rarely leave the Soviet Union.

They include *Pastorales Tahitiennes* (1892), a brightly coloured bucolic scene which Gauguin believed was his

"best" Tahitian effort. With its flat surface, exotic flowers and sensuous women in native dress, the work sums up Gauguin's essence. The distorted perspective and bold use of colour, which he once called a "profound, mysterious language," would later influence works by Pablo Picasso, Henri Matisse and other 20th century masters.

In early years, when working as a respectable stockbroker and painting on weekends, Gauguin tried to master Impressionist techniques. Later, reacting against realism, he would reject them altogether, opting instead for mystery and exoticism.

Gauguin sought a primitive naturalness wherever he went and became dependent on it for stimulation.

In 1888, he went to Arles, in southern France, where he painted the same sunflowers and haystacks Van Gogh immortalized. Later, during two different stays in the South Pacific, he would depict the tribal rituals and superstitions of "true savages."

Besides bringing together so

many remarkable paintings executed after 1895, when he left France, never to return, the Paris exhibition features two important works not displayed in Washington or Chicago.

One of them *Aita Tamari* (1893-94), a bizarre portrait of a naked Polynesian adolescent posing with an orange monkey. Anna the Javanese, as she was known, was 13 when she became Gauguin's mistress and accompanied him back to France from the South Pacific after his first stay there.

On a visit to Brittany, the flamboyantly dressed Gauguin, Anna and her monkey were laughed at by sailors, prompting the artist to pick a fight. He sustained a broken foot and was bedridden for weeks. Anna left him, returned to Paris and robbed his studio of paintings and other valuables, leaving him practically destitute.

The show ends on an optimistic note: the monumental door frame taken from his hut in the remote South Pacific island of Marquesas where Gauguin died miserably and alone in 1903 at age 55.

## FAMILY DOCTOR

By DR ALLAN BRUCKHEIM

## RARE SKIN DISEASE MAY IMPROVE BY ITSELF

QUESTION: My son was recently diagnosed as having a rare skin disease called morphea. He has three lumps on his back now. Can you tell me what causes it, and whether this will turn to cancer?

ANSWER: Morphea, known also as circumscribed scleroderma, was first described by Dr C. H. Fagge, in the Guy's Hospital Report, in 1868. It's not a disease one sees everyday and is usually observed more frequently in women than men.

With onset between the ages of 20 and 40, it may be accompanied by headaches and arthritic-type pain. Actually it's a disease that attacks the collagen elements of the dermis layer of the skin. The area becomes filled with fluid and swells, causing the lumps you have observed. It then forms scar-like tissue, making the skin feel hard.

There are five different varieties that are recognized, each a bit different in the way it looks, and the areas of the body it affects. No clear cause has been discovered, although its beginnings may be associated with trauma to the skin, pregnancy or menopause. Usually no treatment is indicated, but in serious cases, the affected areas may be injected with corticosteroids, cortisone-

like medication. If the scars interfere with necessary functions, surgery may be performed to remove them.

I found no mention of this condition becoming cancerous in the material I read, but I'm pleased to report that several types of morphea may improve spontaneously after a three-to-five-year period.

QUESTION: This will be our first visit to a beloved and alert aunt in her new surroundings, a nursing home. It's also our first experience with such visits, and we are all feeling just a bit nervous about what should or should not be said or done. Can you provide us with some guidelines?

ANSWER: While there are a few small details that may help, the best advice I can offer you is to be yourselves, and allow your aunt to be herself to enjoy the visit. This is her new home, and she will proudly introduce you to her new friends. Allow her to be the hostess she was in former surroundings, and take her up on the tour she will most certainly offer you. But be alert and attentive, on the watch for signs of overdoing it a bit, or of distress. Listen carefully to what she says, as well as how she says it, and answer her directly and honestly, just as in

the old days. You may want to call the home before your visit to be sure that you will arrive at a time that will not disrupt normal schedules and activities. If your gifts are to include food, be sure they are permitted on special diets, but bring a small luxury that may not be routinely provided. Small living plants make fine gifts and may help brighten a room. Concentrate on conversation, remembering good old times, to provide your aunt with some pleasant moments and an attentive and loving audience. Listen carefully for hidden meanings and pay attention to non verbal clues that may indicate the state of your aunt's well being.

Encouragement and reassurance are important functions of your visit, so touch frequently. Be sure the tone of your voice conveys your love and concern. If you can find some treasured photos from previous meetings, take them with you, in a frame perhaps, as a souvenir of your visit. If other family members are responsible for your aunt's welfare, call and share your experiences and observations with them. Then enjoy the warmth provided by your good deeds.

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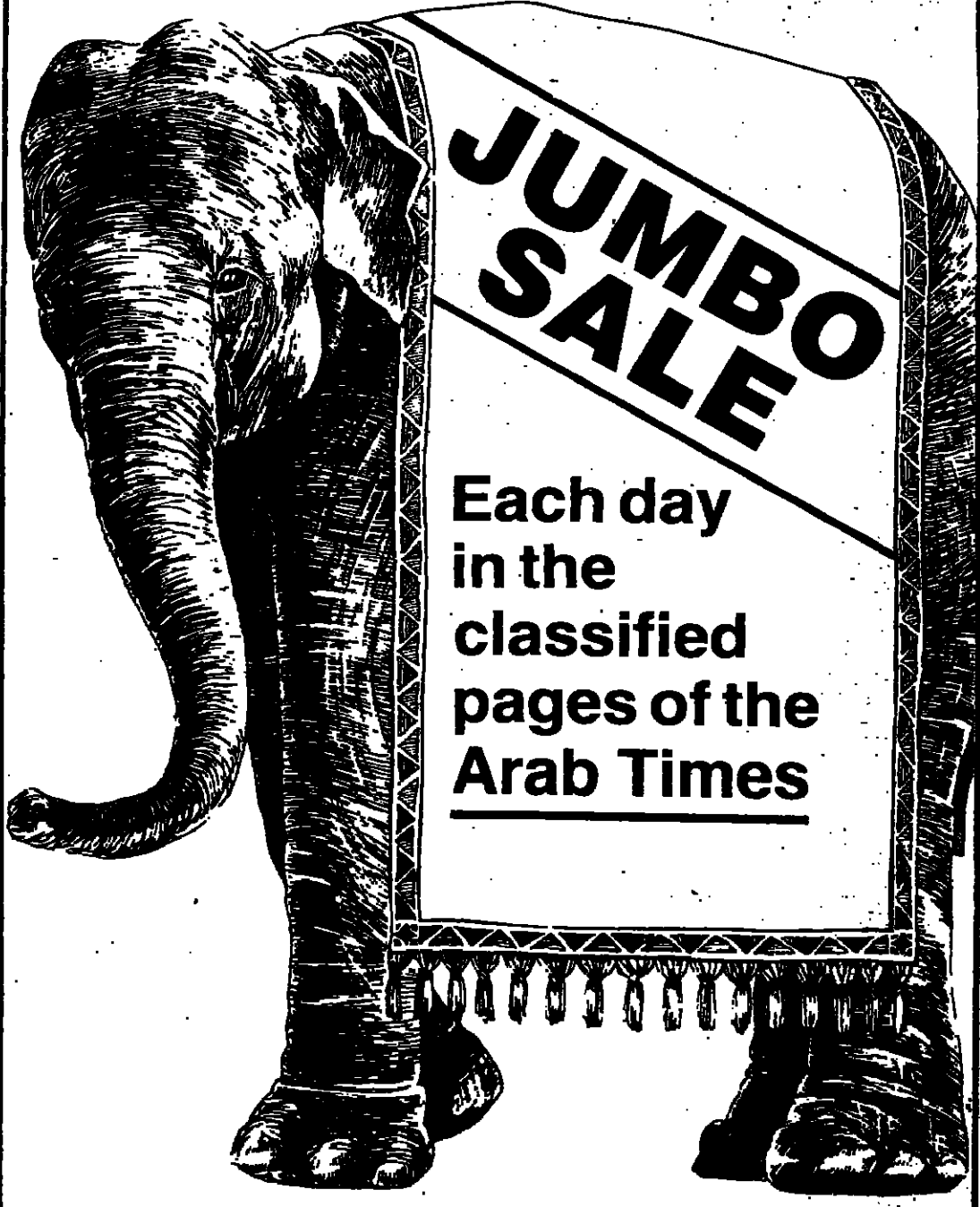
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## REGGI OUTPLAYS MESKHI IN PACIFIC OPEN

## Miyagi stuns Savchenko in opener

TOKYO, Jan 31, (UPI): Japan's Nana Miyagi took advantage of 21 double faults and 60 unforced errors by Soviet Larisa Savchenko to upset the world No. 16 in the first round of the \$300,000 Pan Pacific Open women's tennis tournament.

But Miyagi, the world's 200th ranked player, downed Savchenko 5-7, 7-5, 6-4, to earn a second round clash with top-seeded Martina Navratilova.

Raffaella Reggi, the lone Italian entry, downed Leila Meskhi of the Soviet Union 6-3, 6-4 and Akemi Nishiyama of Japan defeated Katrina Adams of the United States 6-3, 6-4.

Others moving into the second round were American Andrea Leand, who scored a 6-7 (9-7), 6-3 6-3 win over countrywoman Erica O'Neill, Wendy White of the United States, who beat Japan's Kumiko Okamoto 7-6 (11-9), 6-0 and Peanut Lou-Harper of the United States who beat Japan's Maya Kidowaki.

Second seeded Chris Evert, who along with Navratilova,



Reggi jubilates after beating Meskhi.

third seeded Gabriela Sabatini of Argentina and fourth seeded Natalia Zvereva of the Soviet Union drew first round byes, will play Leand in the second round.

Sabatini will face Nishiyama and Zvereva takes on Molly van Nostrand when second round play

begins tomorrow at the Aoyama Gakuin Memorial Hall. Navratilova and Evert, however, do not play until Thursday.

"I was lucky she was always double-faulting," said Miyagi of Savchenko. "Everyone was tell-

ing me that her serve was really strong so I was surprised that she double-faulted so much.

"Even when she got her serve though, I thought I returned well," the teenager said.

It wasn't the double faults alone that cost Savchenko. Sixty unforced errors and a lack of concentration in the final set added to her poor performance.

Miyagi took advantage of Savchenko's mistakes and hustled her way to the win despite suffering a pulled muscle in the opening set which she said got worse as the match progressed.

Savchenko held serve to open the match, but a pair of double faults proved an omen of things to come.

She took the first set, but held serve only twice and had to break Miyagi for the win.

The Russian fell behind early in the second set 2-1. Miyagi easily broke serve in the third game, winning the first point on a forehand winner, and took the next two points on double faults, winning the game on an unforced

error. Miyagi built a 4-2 lead, but Savchenko held service, then broke Miyagi to tie it at four.

Savchenko, however, failed to win a point in the 12th game and Miyagi took the set.

The Soviet looked strong opening the third set. She briefly went to her serve and volley game, but when her service vanished after taking a 2-0 lead, Miyagi stormed back.

#### Followed

The Japanese had a chance to end the match in the ninth game, but Savchenko fought off match point and won the game. She also won the first point of the final game, but followed that with a lazy return into the net. Miyagi took the next three points for the match.

First round play continues tomorrow with fifth seeded Zina Garrison of the United States, sixth seeded Claudia Kohde-Kilsch of West Germany and Americans Lori McNeil (seventh) and Mary Jo Fernandez, all in action.

## Aouita wants to fight drug abuse in sport



Aouita: to launch his indoor career in the United States this week

CASABLANCA, Jan 31, (Reuters): World champion Said Aouita, who launches his indoor career in the United States this week, wants to form a group of leading athletes to fight drug abuse in the sport.

"Its mission will be to work with national and international bodies to fight all forms of doping," Aouita, the Moroccan 1,500 and 5,000 metres world record holder, told reporters before leaving for his first indoor meeting in America.

Hoped He said his plans were in the early stages but while in the United States he hoped to speak to Carl Lewis and Ed Moses, who have both spoken out against drugs.

Aouita said competitors who cheated by taking drugs were ruining athletics and presenting the sport with "a sombre future." He said he was fully fit after his disappointing performance at the Seoul Olympics where he collected a bronze in the 800 metres and withdrew injured from the 1,500.

"Had it not been for my injury, I'd have won both the 800 and

1,500 metres at the Olympics," he said. "My performance in the heats showed I was well on the way to doing it."

He said he was gambling by competing on the US indoor circuit, the first time he has run indoors.

"But without taking risks you cannot get anywhere," he said, adding that he needed top competition to remain among the world's best.

Aouita said he would race in New York on Feb 3, New Jersey on Feb 5, Washington on Feb 10 and Los Angeles on February 17 but had not yet decided which events to enter.

"I will study the lists of competitors and then make up my mind," he said. "It's the first time I run inside and it is not going to be easy."

If he is successful in the United States, Aouita said he would take part in the World Championships in Budapest next March.

Aouita said he had still not decided whether to concentrate on 800 and 1,500 metres outdoors or whether to revert to the 5,000 metres and continue to experiment with the 10,000.

## SAILING

## Shamaal scores easy win in second race

SHAMAAL'S ability to exploit Friday's heavy weather swept her to victory in KOSA's second race of the 1989 Spring Series.

The race which began in light airs saw all yachts drifting towards the first mark under tide. Lemons was the first to exploit a new breeze from the starboard quarter and rounded Hakem's Heap first, followed by Good Company and Gambit. The second leg was a beat to West Cardinal. Shamaal and Good Company tacked onto port, having decided to take a line parallel to shore, the remainder of the fleet which included Why Not and Danat heading offshore.

#### Favoured

As the fleet converged on West Cardinal in an eight knot southeasterly wind, it became apparent that the inshore tack taken by Good Company and Shamaal was the favoured side of the course as they crossed ahead of Gambit and Lemons.

Shamaal, skippered by John Bell, was first to the mark with Lemons and Gambit a few minutes behind engaged in a tacking duel to gain supremacy at the mark. Good Company, helmed by John Brand was sailing an excellent race and was in contention for Handicap honours.

The fleet then beat towards Mastis in rapidly freshening winds and building seas. Gambit, who had sailed under Lemons Lee, was closing on Shamaal, however, failure to reduce sail resulted in her being overpowered and constantly rounding up. Meanwhile, Shamaal turned on the pressure and mercilessly ploughed through the chop.

Rounding Masts first, Shamaal bore away, raised her spinnaker and headed for Bell buoy and finish. Winds had by this time built to 20 knots which tested helming in order to minimise boat-roll.

#### Crossed

Shamaal had opened up a big five minute lead but gear failure forced her to drop her spinnaker and go for home with a goose-wing configuration. After nearly seven hours' sailing she crossed the finish line four minutes ahead of Gambit, who in turn was home eight minutes in front of Lemons. Shamaal now takes the lead in the series since the first race was abandoned due to lack of wind.

## Boyle defeats Gutierrez

GLASGOW, Scotland, Jan 31, (AP): Steve Boyle of Scotland scored a narrow split decision over Pedro Armando Gutierrez of Argentina last night to win the World Boxing Council international lightweight championship.

Boyle, the British lightweight champ, started slowly but finished strong to win the title, for fighters ranked outside the top 10 by the WBC.

The Scot won two cards by identical 116-115 scores, losing the third card 115-114. Boyle, 26, produced an impressive finish to the 12-round

## Benn to fight next week

LONDON, Jan 31, (AP): Nigel Benn said yesterday his right hand has healed after being injured in a bizarre attempted citizen's arrest and that he is fit to defend his Commonwealth middleweight title against Zambia's Mike Chilambe on Feb 8.

The fight was thrown into doubt last week when Benn's hand was damaged during a scuffle with a citizen, who thought he was arresting a man wanted in a shotgun attack on a bicyclist.

Benn, the "Dark Destroyer" who has stopped all 20 of his professional opponents inside the distance, said he used a special device usually reserved for racers to accelerate the healing process.

"The swelling has gone down, but for a time I could not use my right hand and I could not punch," the fighter said at a news conference.



Jerry Rice sits in the car awarded to him by Sport.

## Rice's talents obscured by Montana and Walsh

NEW YORK, Jan 31, (AP): While Jerry Rice is about to reap some benefits from being named the Most Valuable Player in US football's championship, he says his talents still are obscured by quarterback Joe Montana and coach Bill Walsh.

Rice, a wide receiver who caught 11 passes for 215 yards as San Francisco beat Cincinnati 20-16 nine days ago in the Super Bowl, was in New York yesterday to receive the sports car awarded to him by Sport Magazine.

And he was hardly starved for attention, sitting down for interviews with nearly a dozen reporters, then sitting for individual television interviews. Moreover, he said that his agent, Jim Steiner, has begun to get requests for endorsements and appearances — just the types of

benefits that he said last week were passing him by.

But he still says his achievements in the game had been overshadowed by the attention paid to Walsh's retirement as coach of the 49ers and by Montana for quarterbacking the 92-yard drive that won the game in the final three minutes.

"I went back to the bay area and I felt like I didn't get the coverage I deserved," Rice said. "I don't think it was racism. Maybe it was because of Bill Walsh retiring or maybe because of Joe Montana, but somewhere, Jerry Rice got lost in the shuffle. I expected to get a little more respect."

Last week, Rice implied in an appearance on a San Francisco television station that he might be getting less attention because he is black.

## Raees hits Hawks for 77

## CCK cruise into semifinal

CCK reached the semifinals of a knockout cricket tournament with a four-wicket victory over Hawks at the Ahmadi ground earlier this week.

Everything seemed to go CCK's way from the start of the match. CCK won the toss and put Hawks in to bat. Hawks lost opener Waheed with only 17 runs on the board.

#### Allotted

Aamjad played well for his 58 while Sarwar remained unbeaten on 41 as Hawks went on to score 174 for the loss of five wickets in their 30 allotted overs.

For CCK, Saeed bowled extremely well to take three for 32 while Faisal and Rifat took one wicket each.

CCK opened their innings through Amanullah and Raees.



Raees: batted well Amanullah could only score 12 runs before he was back in the pavilion. Nadeem and Riaz also

found the Hawks' bowling too accurate and were soon out without contributing much.

At this stage CCK were in trouble at 23 for three. Zaheer Sr hammered 28 quick runs to pull CCK out of trouble before Raees and skipper Faisal took the score to 173 from 86.

Bowled Raees, who had been batting confidently, went for a big hit but missed the line of the ball and was bowled for 77. Raees, however, had done his job as CCK now needed only four runs to take the match.

Faisal remained unbeaten on 41 as CCK went past the victory target. For Hawks, Sakhar was the main wicket-taker with five for 59. CCK will meet Hubara in the semifinals next month.

## Floyd seeks extension of Ryder Cup golf format

BIRMINGHAM, England, Jan 31, (AP): Raymond Floyd, captain of the US Ryder Cup team, wants the format of the biannual golf series against Europe to be extended so the Americans stand a greater chance of winning.

In a report published yesterday, Floyd said a return to the 32-point competition — disbanded after the 1977 series in favour of the present 28-point — would allow his golfers to show their strength in depth.

#### Tried

"I must stress these are my personal opinions and might not coincide with those of the PGA of America," Floyd said in an interview with the Birmingham Evening Mail. "But for many years, lots of people tried very hard to make what used to be a one-sided affair more competitive."

He pointed out that the 28-point system, which coincided in 1979 with the augmentation of the British and Irish squad to include the cream of mainland Europe, both were designed to make it harder for the Americans to win the Cup.

After dominating the event, the United States lost in 1985 and were beaten again — for the first time on home soil — two years ago. The US leads the overall series 22-5 and Floyd captains the squad that will try to reclaim the Cup at the Belfry, England, in September.

"Now that Europe has proved they can field a strong 12-man side... let us get back to a lot more points and see what happens," Floyd said.

He proposed that instead of 12 singles matches on the final day, there would be eight in the morning and eight in the afternoon.

## WBC plans suspension of promoter

NEW YORK, Jan 31, (AP): The World Boxing Council yesterday said it planned to suspend the promoter of an international boxing federation title fight held last week with a South African fighter.

The WBC also planned to sever its ties with West Berlin, where the fight was held, it said.

In a strongly worded statement from WBC headquarters in Mexico City, WBC President Jose Sulaiman said sanctioning of such a fight was "an insult to the most elementary principles of dignity and equality."

Calling South Africa "king of apartheid," Sulaiman threatened to ask WBC champions also holding International Boxing Federation titles, such as heavyweight champion, Mike Tyson, to choose between the two organizations or lose their WBC belts.

#### Asked

If the IBF does not cut all sporting ties with South Africa, a fighter such as Tyson would be asked whether "he wants to keep the IBF title, which supports South Africa and consequently apartheid, as an insult to his face, or wants to keep WBC recognition," Sulaiman said.

The WBC was reacting to the IBF super middleweight title defense of West German Graciano Rocchigiani against Thulane Malinga of South Africa last Saturday.

## Mochrie outlasts Daniel

BOCA RATON, Fla., Jan 31, (Reuters): Dottie Mochrie parred the fifth extra hole to win the \$300,000 LPGA Classic golf tournament over fellow-American Beth Daniel yesterday.

Mochrie, who tied with Daniel after regulation play on nine-under-par 279, had matched pars on four sudden-death holes on Sunday before darkness halted play.

On the 18th hole yesterday

Mochrie shot for birdie from 20 feet away and settled for par again. Daniel, who had hit the front greenside bunker in her second approach shot, missed a 12-footer for par to give Mochrie her first LPGA win.

"This takes a lot of pressure off me to win," said Mochrie, who joined the LPGA Tour in October 1987. Maybe it will be the start of two or three wins this season — but I hope they don't go 77 holes."

## Upbeat Tyson says Bruno no match for him

LAS VEGAS, Jan 31, (Reuters): World heavyweight boxing champion Mike Tyson yesterday called Frank Bruno a good fighter but said he would have no trouble knocking out the Briton for whom he once sparred in their title fight next month.

"He's a good fighter, but I'm the best fighter," an upbeat Tyson said during the taping of the "Donahue" television programme which was shown live in Las Vegas and was to be aired later in the week in the rest of the country.

#### Advantage

Asked by one of the 3,750-member audience whether Bruno had an advantage over other opponents the undefeated Tyson has faced because the two have sparred in the past, the champ said: "I was only a little boy then. I've grown up a lot since then."

Tyson meets Bruno in Las Vegas on February 25.

On the programme, in which audience members pose most of the questions, Tyson was asked repeatedly about his much-publicised estrangement from his actress wife Robin Givens.



Tyson: says he is the best

"I still love her," Tyson said. "It's a very unhealthy situation. I could never go back."

Asked about his recent rash of auto accidents and his street brawl with another boxer in which he injured his hand, Tyson said: "I have my moments. I can

be a bad boy."

Tyson, who has dated former Miss America Suzette Charles since he and Givens split, said he would like to be married again eventually.

Tyson, 22, has not fought since his June 27 '88, 91-second knockout of Michael Spinks. Since then, he has twice sued his manager Bill Cayton for fraud, fractured his right hand in a street fight with fellow boxer Mitch Green, smashed his car into a tree and was accused by Givens of hitting her.

Tyson said he wanted to fight four or five times a year, a pace he kept up until his personal problems slowed him after the Spinks fight. The Bruno bout was postponed five times before the Feb date was set.

Meanwhile, Tyson has signed a second settlement agreement in hopes that Givens will sign it and allow for their divorce, the fighter's attorney said yesterday.

"All that remains is for Robin to sign, as she has promised, to allow the divorce to proceed," said Howard Weitzman, Tyson's attorney.

Givens, 23, was expected to

sign the agreement sometime today, Weitzman said, adding that details of the agreement were unavailable. Tyson signed a similar document in December but Givens refused to sign it, the attorney said.

"Mikes hopes that Robin will keep their personal concerns between them," Weitzman said.

Givens, a star on the television series "Head of the Class," filed for divorce on Oct 7, calling her eight-month marriage to the heavyweight champion "a continuous horror story" filled with drinking, destruction, domestic violence and death threats.

#### Differences

The divorce petition, filed in Los Angeles county superior court, cited irreconcilable differences as Givens' reason for ending the marriage to Tyson, whose wealth was estimated at the time at \$40 million.

The couple was married on Feb 7, 1988, in Chicago after the National Basketball Association all-star game, which Tyson attended. But because the couple did not have an Illinois licence, they were remarried two days later in New York.



## SPORTS BRIEFS

## Cup qualifier

ZURICH, Switzerland, Jan 31. (AP): Algeria was awarded a 2-0 win in a soccer World Cup qualifying game which its opponent Libya refused to host earlier this month for alleged fear of a US military attack, FIFA said today.

## Student Games

BRUSSELS, Jan 31. (Reuters): North Korea has emerged as the leading contender to host this year's World Student Games after its candidacy was unexpectedly proposed by South Korea, a top official said today.

## Top ranking

ARLINGTON, Texas, Jan 31. (Reuters): Ivan Lendl regained the world-number-one men's tennis ranking for the first time since last September by claiming his first Australian Open title on Sunday, the Association of Tennis Professionals said last night.

## Brazil win

SANTOS, Brazil, Jan 31. (Reuters): Brazil beat Uruguay 2-0 (half-time 0-0) in the last match of the qualifying stage in the Pele Cup for veteran soccer players yesterday.

## W. German player

PARIS, Jan 31. (Reuters): West German defender Karlheinz Forster indicated today that he may be ready to return to help his country qualify for the 1990 World Cup soccer finals in Italy in 1990.

## Kimball sentenced

TAMPA, Florida, Jan 31. (UPI): Former Olympic diving medalist Bruce Kimball was sentenced to 17 years in prison for drunken driving manslaughter yesterday in an accident that killed two teenagers and injured four others last summer.

## Greg Lemond

BRUSSELS, Belgium, Jan 31. (AP): The 1986 Tour de France winner Greg Lemond, must ride exclusively for his Belgian team of ADR if the American wants to continue his comeback after a hunting accident two years ago, ADR officials said today.

## Athlete killed

BEIJING, Jan 31. (UPI): Police in southern China killed one member of a track and field athletes team and wounded a second after the athletes shot six people to death in a bizarre incident following a dispute over money, the Beijing evening news reported today.

## LAST PAIR DENY PAKISTAN VICTORY

## Miandad hits Canterbury for ton



Miandad: gets his first century of the tour

CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand, Jan 31. (Reuters): Canterbury's last two batsmen defied the probing spin of Abdul Qadir and clung on for the final five overs to deny Pakistan the first win of their cricket tour of New Zealand today.

Set 275 to win in 65 overs, Canterbury were 219 for nine at the close with tailenders Andrew Nuttall and Stu Roberts defending desperately.

Earlier Javed Miandad scored his first century of the tour as Pakistan took their overnight 120 for two to 235 for three before declaring and setting up the chance of a result.

## Shared

Miandad made a stylish and unbeaten 101, which included 18 fours and came from 163 balls, and together with Aamer Malik shared a third-wicket stand of 133.

Aamer Malik made an attractive 80, peppered with 17 boundaries, before he was bowled by Chris Flanagan.

A hamstring injury caused regular opener Ben Harris to drop down the order, but David Boyle and Peter Kennedy gave

Canterbury a flying start by putting on 50 runs at the required rate of just over four an over.

But Kennedy then fell leg before for 24 to the medium pace of Sikander Bakht and Paul McEwan was forced to leave the field after being hit in the face.

Captain Rod Latham was needlessly run out for four and the returning McEwan then became the first of Qadir's victims, leg before for 16.

Boyle also fell after scoring 34 but Canterbury still had a chance when they began the final 20 overs needing 104 to win with five wickets remaining.

Richard Hadlee with 37 and Lee Germon who made 20 shared a bright sixth-wicket stand of 33, but once they were separated the lower order struggled, especially against Qadir who ended with figures of four for 55 from 20 overs.

But Pakistan, who start the first Test against New Zealand on Friday, were denied a morale-boosting win by the last pair.

## Scoreboard

PAKISTAN first innings 258 for seven declared.  
Second innings Rameez Raja b Roberts 0

Moin-ul-Atiq c Germon b Hadlee... 29  
Aamer Malik b Flanagan... 80  
Javed Miandad not out... 101  
Salim Malik not out... 13  
Extras (lb-7 nb-5)... 12  
Total for three wickets... 235

Fall of wickets: 1-1, 2-54, 3-187

Did not bat: Shoaib Mohammed, Imran Khan, Salim Jaffer, Sikander Bakht, Asghar Javed, Abdul Qadir.  
Bowling: Hadlee 14-4-25-1, Roberts 9-4-32-1, Flanagan 20-4-37-1, Nuttall 6-1-27-4, Priest 12-1-57-0.

CANTERBURY first innings 219 for five declared

Second innings  
D. Boyle c Aamer b Asghar... 54  
P. Kennedy lbw b Sikander... 24  
P. McEwan lbw b Qadir... 16

R. Latham run out... 4  
M. Priest c Asghar b Qadir... 24  
L. Germon c Sikander b Jaffer... 20

R. Hadlee b Qadir... 37  
C. Flanagan c Young b Jaffer... 8  
B. Harris st Aamer b Qadir... 9  
A. Nuttall not out... 9

S. Roberts not out... 6  
Extras (lb-7 nb-5)... 19  
Total for nine wickets... 219

Fall of wickets: 1-50, 2-75, 3-112, 4-125, 5-141, 6-174, 7-178, 8-201, 9-210.

Bowling: Imran Khan 7-1-17-0, Asghar Javed 13-1-41-1, Abdul Qadir 20-3-55-4, Salim Jaffer 12-3-44-2, Sikander Bakht 12-1-42-1, Salim Malik 1-0-4-0.

## Battiston recalled to French team

PARIS, Jan 31. (Reuters): Patrick Battiston today became the second player to be recalled to the French national team by new team chief Michel Platini after retiring from international soccer.

The Monaco sweeper was named by Platini in his squad of 18 to meet Ireland in a friendly in Dublin on February 7. The team boss recalled Bordeaux midfielder Jean Tigana against the player's wishes for his first match in charge, a World Cup qualifier against Yugoslavia in Belgrade last November.

Platini made it clear he needed the experience of the 31-year-old Battiston as the team prepare for a vital World Cup game with Scotland in Glasgow on March 8.

"I don't mix friendship with the needs of the French team," Platini told a news conference. "I'm not sure if Patrick is happy about this but there's not much he can do about it."

Under French federation rules, a player refusing to appear for the national team faces severe disciplinary measures.

Like Tigana, Battiston was a friend and colleague of Platini's in the great French side which won the 1984 European title and reached the semifinals of the 1982 and 1986 World Cups.

Tigana, 33, has maintained a stony silence with the media since being recalled to the French team, fuelling speculation that he was unhappy with Platini's decision.

## Considered

Battiston, who has 53 caps, announced he no longer wanted to be considered for international selection in October 1987.

Platini's squad will play a second friendly against English League leaders Arsenal in London on February 14.

The team chief cancelled a planned friendly with Hungary next week and arranged the two matches in the British Isles to get better preparation against the style of soccer his side is expected to meet in Glasgow.

There are two uncapped

players in his squad, Sochaux sweeper Frank Silvestre and Montpellier midfielder Laurent Blanc.

Squad: Goalkeepers — Joel Bats, Bruno Martini

Defenders — Manuel Amoros, Patrick Battiston, Sylvain Kastendeuch, Alain Roche, Franck Silvestre, Luc Sonor.

Midfielders — Laurent Blanc, Jean-Philippe Durand, Franck Sauzeau, Jean Tigana, Jose Tourne, Philippe Vercruysse.

Forwards — Daniel Bravo, Stephane Paille, Jean-Pierre Papin, Christian Perez.

Monaco players Amoros, Battiston, Sonor and Tourne will not be available for the Arsenal match because they will be playing for their club in the European Cup.

Uncapped stopper William Prieur of Auxerre and midfielder Marcel Dib of Monaco, who is suspended from the European Cup, will be added to make a squad of 16 for Highbury.

Meanwhile, Eric Cantona, the

enfant terrible of French soccer, was indefinitely suspended by his club Marseille yesterday after throwing his shirt at a referee and leaving the field during a week-end charity match.

Cantona, 22, regarded as the most gifted young player in French soccer, was suspended from all national teams for 12 months by the French Football Federation last year for making crude remarks about then national trainer Henri Michel.

## Reprimanded

The striker, who became France's most expensive domestic player when he moved from Auxerre to Marseille last summer, left the field after 27 minutes of a game in aid of victims of the Armenia earthquake between his club and Torpedo Moscow in Sedan.

Apparently angered by continual whistling from the crowd, he kicked the ball into the stand and was reprimanded by the referee. Cantona took off his shirt, threw it at the official and walked off.

## Tournament postponed

## Sheikh Fahd re-elected president

SHEIKH Fahd Al Ahmed was yesterday re-elected president of the Kuwait Football Association (KFA) for the next four years.

In the elections held at the KFA premises, Mohammed Othman was elected general secretary while Sheikh Ahmed Al Yousef Al Sabah got the post of treasurer.

Sheikh Fahd was initially elected as member of the board, which convened immediately and re-elected him as the president.

The other members of the board are Sheikh Ahmed Nawaf Al Ahmed, Sheikh Talal Al Ahmed, Assad Taqi, Judai Al Ajmi, Rashid Al Nazzal, Abdul Hamid

Mohammed, Ayad Salem and Yacoub Yousef.

Sheikh Fahd, who is also the deputy chairman of the organising committee of the Friendship and Peace Football Championship (initially called the First Islamic Championship) said yesterday evening that this event, scheduled for March this year, had now been postponed to the first half of October.

## Request

Sheikh Fahd told a press conference that this postponement had come at the request of many Islamic countries, who are busy in World Cup qualifiers at the moment.

All the member countries of the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) have been invited to this tournament. Thirty-six countries are said to have accepted the invitations.

The name of this tournament was changed after objections to it by the international football federation (FIFA). The football federation is also said to have reduced the number of participants to six. The number was later raised to eight.

Sheikh Fahd added that Kuwait wants to foil attempts, by enemies of Islam and Arabs, who hope to stop this country from hosting this event.

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## Girardelli favourite to win combined event

BEAVER CREEK, Colorado, Jan 31. (AP): Ole Christian Furuseth saw his name atop the leader board after the slalom portion of the men's combined, but he and everyone else realised that Marc Girardelli was the real winner.

Because the combined is a two-event competition, the slalom served only to set the stage for the second part of the event, a downhill on Friday. Girardelli's third-place finish in the slalom and his status as the world's No. 1 downhill stamper him as the favourite to capture the first men's gold medal in the World Alpine Ski Championships.

## Hope

"A third place leaves me very chances intact for the combined event," said Girardelli, the Austrian-born skier who represents Luxembourg. "I'll have to pull a very good downhill to hope to win."

Among the top slalom finishers, only 11th-place Pirmin Zurbriggen of Switzerland is in Girardelli's class as a downhill. Zurbriggen won the Olympic downhill gold medal at Calgary, Canada, but hasn't won in ski racing's fastest discipline since then. Girardelli won three of the

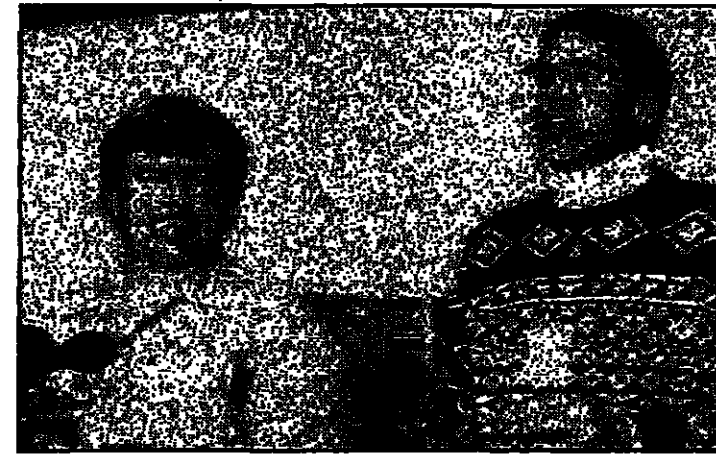


Prince Alfonso

last four downhills staged before the World Championships.

Zurbriggen finished .82 seconds behind Girardelli in the slalom, which, under the arcane rules governing combined scoring, converts to about a 1.2-second deficit to overcome in the downhill. The way Girardelli is skiing these days, it's unlikely Zurbriggen can beat him by such a margin.

Furuseth, a slalom and giant



Bob Kruja (right), president of the World Alpine Ski Championships and Beavers describe the circumstances that caused the death of Prince Alfonso. (Reuters wirephoto)

slalom specialist who hasn't contested a downhill in more than a year, won yesterday's race in 1 minute, 36.89 seconds, a scant .01 seconds ahead of another gate specialist, Jonas Nilsson of Sweden. Girardelli, who led both of those races after the first run, settled for third in 1:37.65.

"It is always very difficult to have the right kind of attitude in the slalom portion of a combined event," Girardelli said, "and,

## Mechelen host PSV in first leg of Super Cup



Romario Faria

BRUSSELS, Jan 31. (Reuters): Little Belgian soccer club Mechelen will have to contend with their won inferiority complex when they host Dutch giants PSV Eindhoven in the first leg of the Super Cup tomorrow.

Mechelen's swift rise to stardom, with their triumph in the European Cup winners' Cup last season, has not given them much confidence against European champions PSV.

"PSV are in a class of their own. They've got an incredible amount of individual talent — which we don't have," the Belgian League leaders' Dutch coach Aad de Mos said.

"PSV have four players up front who can all weigh on our defence. And they have (captain) Erik Gerets who still plays like a young hungry wolf," De Mos said.

## Moves

De Mos singled out PSV's Brazilian striker Romario Faria and Dutch international Ronald Koeman, their star libero who moves to Barcelona next season. The Super Cup will be a special occasion for Koeman as it means playing against his older brother and fellow international Erwin. A midfielder and one of several Dutch players at Mechelen.

Both Erwin Koeman and John Bosman, Mechelen's Dutch international striker, said Mechelen would have to rely on their defensive skills and energy to neutralise the attacking powers of PSV.

"We stand a chance because we're more homogeneous," Erwin Koeman said. "We are better organised, very strong as a whole," added Bosman.

PSV will not field their new Czechoslovak defender Josef

Teams: Mechelen — Michel Preud'homme, Koen Sanders, Marc Emmers, Graeme Rutjes, Bruno Versavel, Wim Hofkens, Erwin Koeman, Pascal de Wilde, John Bosman, Paul de Mesmaeker, Piet den Boer.  
PSV — to be announced.

## Davis in England squad

LONDON, Jan 31. (Reuters): Paul Davis, who received a record nine-match ban this season for breaking an opponent's jaw, returned to the England fold today.

Davis, only recently re-established in the Arsenal first team after his suspension, was named in a 22-man squad for the friendly against Greece in Athens on February 8.

Punished  
The midfielder as on the verge of his first England appearance in the World Cup qualifier against Sweden when he punched Glenn Cockerill in the face during a League match against Southampton in September.

The punch led to him being suspended by the English FA and he missed both the match against Sweden in October and a subsequent friendly against Saudi Arabia.

Davis comes into the squad in place of clubmate Michael Thomas, one of five new caps in the dismal 1-1 draw with the Saudis. Only two of them survive for the trip to Athens — Arsenal striker Alan Smith and Queen's Park Rangers goalkeeper David Seaman.

Squad: Peter Shilton, David Seaman, Gary Stevens, Ian Snodin, Terry Butcher, Des Walker, Tony Adams, Paul Parker, Stuart Pearce, Tony Dorigo, Neil Webb, Bryan Robson, Paul Davis, Steve Hodge, Paul Gascoigne, David Rocastle, Alan Smith, Gary Lineker, Peter Beardsley, Tony Cottee, Chris Waddle, John Barnes.

team boss at Second Division club Brighton.

Armstrong said last night: "I feel gutted and very unhappy with myself. I've spent the day trying to apologise to everyone involved. But it's been going through my mind that I've jeopardised everything I've worked for."

Armstrong also expects to be charged by the Football Association with bringing the game into disrepute.

## Armstrong charged by police

LONDON, Jan 31. (Reuters): Former Northern Ireland soccer international Gerry Armstrong was charged today with causing grievous bodily harm after allegedly head-butting an opposition club official in a reserve match at the weekend.

Armstrong would appear before magistrates on February 15, police said.

Armstrong, who scored Northern Ireland's goal in their 1-0 first round defeat of 1982 World Cup hosts Spain, is now youth

## MAMDOO SABRI won the Dubai Bridge Tournament at the Kuwait International Hotel on Monday.

Almud Tawil finished the tournament in second place while Mrs Jaya Sapre was third, Dr Mestari fourth and Sherin Bayoumi fifth. The tournament was played over 17 weeks with the last session being held on Monday.

Results of the 17th week:  
N/S  
1. Sabri & Sherin  
2. Tawil & Dr Adel  
3. Sapre & Gajjar  
E/W  
1. Mrs Sapre & Katina  
2. Mukherjee & Imran Ali  
3. Dharm & Montello

Results of the SAS Bridge Club game played on Sunday:  
1st: Nabil Akel & Lolita Marthawane  
2nd: Donna Maternity & Naha Khalaf  
3rd: Rima Ayyad & Ghofron Mikail

## Soviet basketball

MOSCOW, Jan 31. (Reuters): Vlas Garastas, coach of Lithuanian club Zalgiris Kaunas, was elected coach of the Soviet men's national basketball team yesterday.

Garastas, 57, in charge of Zalgiris since 1979, takes over from Alexander Gomeisky, who is currently working under contract in Spain.

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